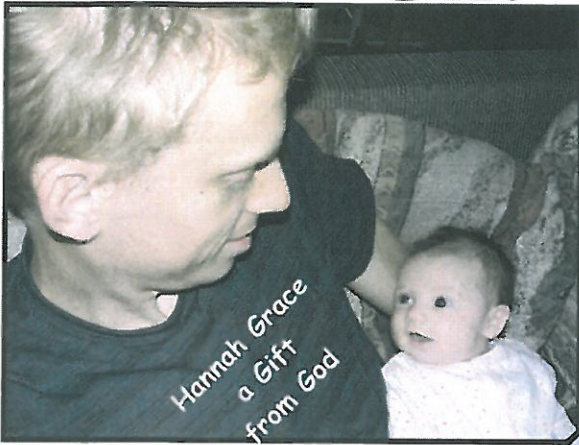


# The 'Gift' that keeps on giving!

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Some advertisers talk about 'the gift that keeps on giving'. There is one Gift that outlasts all others. It is the gift of God, "Salvation by Grace through Faith." As we involve students in the Word of God and they come to trust in Him they receive the 'The Gift', the Lord Jesus, all He is, has done and is doing on our behalf. They also become a gift that keeps on giving. As the love of God is poured out in and through their lives others will come to receive 'The Gift'. There is no greater joy than to see these 'spiritual children' continuing to live for the Lord years after they were involved with us.

## The GIFT of Family

\* **Micah** has three volunteer jobs. He works two days each week at a Food Bank run by a local hospital. He thanks God for being able to work with other believers. He continues to serve as a trustee at our church running audio/visual equipment and helping with maintenance. He also runs the audiovisual system for our campus ministry.

\* **Josh & Mari** have been blessed with their first child, **Hannah Grace**. Thank you for praying for Mari and Hannah. Because of some problems she was delivered early. She was only about the size of a Subway sandwich but she is growing & doing well. Josh has been doing contract work at the college where we minister & doing architectural design jobs.

\* **Samuel & Gina** are kept busy with their three boys. He has been blessed to have a good job with Chase Bank.

**Aidan** is eight and attends a very good charter school. He is doing well in school.

**Bennett** attends ½ day kindergarten at Aidan's school. He is the joker of the family.

**Camden** will be 4 in February. He does some home school with grandma two mornings each week.

The boys love to go exploring in the desert for bugs and rocks. We recently took them to explore the remains of a +/-1000 year old Native American village.

Bennett is also the family chaplain. They have a family devotional time at night but one night when they got home late they did not do it. After Samuel and Gina were in bed they could hear a voice coming from the boys' room. Bennett was leading the boys in a bedtime prayer.

### Family Humor

Becky went to call our daughter-in-law, Gina, so she picked up our land line and dialed. She thought she had dialed Gina's number but actually dialed our cell phone. As soon as she dialed, our cell phone rang so Becky thought that must be Gina. She hung up the land line and answered the cell phone but there was only a dial tone. So she hung up the cell phone and picked up the land line and hit redial, which again dialed our cell phone number. The cell phone rang again. She held onto the land line and answered the cell phone. This time when she answered with both phones to her ears she could hear a very familiar voice say, "Hello".

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## GIFTS of Praise & Prayer To God

**Samantha** is a nursing student who has come to know the Lord through our group. She was just baptized in April. We received a call on a Wednesday to pray for her. She was going into the hospital for an emergency appendectomy. The next day, Thursday, was our main campus Bible study/discussion. Before the meeting started we were asking some of our students how things went with Samantha. In the middle of the conversation, to everyone's surprise, Samantha came walking into the meeting. She had pajama pants on and was holding a folded blanket to her abdomen to cushion her incisions. She said that she was released from the hospital at 4:30pm and was able to arrange a ride to the meeting. She said, "I was sad when I thought I may not be able to make it. This is my family." This was such a blessing and such an encouragement to see her commitment.

**Adelaide** started attending our Monday Campus Open Forum this semester. Students can come and ask questions about the Bible and life. She told us when she first came that she wanted to investigate the Bible and Christianity. She was just coming to observe. After attending about 4 weeks she stopped coming for a few weeks. I sent her an email letting her know she was missed and that if she had any questions to let us know. I was concerned that she had given up on her search for truth. She sent this email back:

Hello!! I just LOVE going to the Monday meetings! LOVE the meetings! I don't talk much in the meetings but I sure do soak up so much. I have not been able to come because of work. I have asked for Mondays off so . . . count on seeing me again! (: I truly do enjoy going, just listening to everything that everyone talks about! And I am going to the SCA Christmas party on the 9th! Adelaide

Adelaide informed me that she has bought a Bible. She said she didn't know how to read a Bible, so I pointed her to the Gospels to get to know Jesus. Continue to pray for her. She is very excited about the things she is learning.

**Pray for Catalyst 2012**, it is a conference for college students that we help lead each year. From January 11-16 we will meet with students for a powerful time of discipleship training, fellowship & service. Please pray that many students will be able to attend and that hearts will be changed through the Spirit of God & the Word of God.

**Thank You** for your prayers & support. You are a gift to us & to the students we reach with the love & truth of our Lord.