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"Getting Happy"... *That's* what I (Paul) write on the top of the page when I sit down to spend time with God and His Word. I adopted those words from George Mueller who said, "I saw more clearly than ever that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was to have my soul happy in the Lord."

When I read my Bible through this lens it resonates deeply with my heart. Of course I want to be happy. As Blaise Pascal penned many years ago, "All men seek happiness. This is without exception. ... This is the motive of every action of every man..." As a child of God the Bible is filled with promises and realities that can bring happiness to my soul. Our former pastor used to say it this way, "God is the happiness you desire." You could say God shouts this to us through creation and the gospel. The world, the flesh, and the devil tell me, you and the rest of humanity that the happiness we desire is found somewhere other than in God and His promises.

While we may not shout, "God is the happiness you desire," that is the message Kerry and I want to live and spread in our ministry. The human heart longs for a satisfaction that no earthly thing can fill. Declarations of God's goodness, mercy and love flow from the hearts of men when they drink the living water. This is just a small taste of the eternal pleasures that await those who put their faith in Jesus.

As we come to the end of our 36th year of ministry we have so many stories of His faithful care in our lives. Pray that we would regularly attend to that great and primary business of getting our souls happy in the Lord so that we can gladly serve others and let them taste and see that God is the happiness they desire. Pray also for God's continued provision. **We are trusting Him for an additional \$12,000 of financial support in the coming year.** Some of this will go to medical expenses for Kerry's new hip which is serving her better every day. We also have had an increase in health insurance costs along with the unprecedented inflation which we have all experienced. **If the Lord leads you to help with this need through a year end gift you can do that by using the enclosed envelope making your gift out to CRU. Or you can give online at give.cru.org by using our name or account #0389780 or by texting 71326 and adding our names.**

We are so grateful for your prayers, love, care and generosity that enable us to bring His joy to the world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul & Kerry".