

Weaver's Wanderings

December 2010

Dear Friends and Family - Merry Christmas!

Another year has come and gone by quickly! We are blessed by all that God did this year and want to provide an update for you. If you have not heard from us since last year, we probably do not have an updated email address for you. We send out an e-newsletter about quarterly. To stay connected to us you can either:

1. Friend us on Facebook and sign up for our e-newsletter through Facebook
2. Email us at tcweaver1@earthlink.net to ask us to add you to our e-newsletter list
3. Call us at 617-484-1183; we'd love to chat and add you to our email or mailing list
4. Mail us a note to: 104 Sycamore St., Belmont, MA 02478 with your preference of email or regular mail updates, as we can mail you our newsletter if you prefer.

Brief Year In Review

Below are a few things that happened this year.

January – Candy's dad was sick

February – Candy's dad passed away February 27, 2010

March – Memorial service for Candy's dad and family gatherings

April – Tim & Dad Weaver go to Daytona and also see a Space Shuttle launch & car has initial problem that leaves us carless for a week

May – Candy & barn gals haul the horses to Ellis River for a weekend of horseback riding

June – Candy's nephew Tyler's wedding (Congratulations Tyler and Amanda!) & Candy's friend Laura graduates from Harvard (Congratulations Laura!)

July – Our short-term trip to Tactic, Guatemala

August – Camping / Rest / Reflection

September – Surprise 65th birthday party for Tim's dad & Candy takes two of her riding students to participate in their 1st horse show at Billerica, MA arena

October – Anniversary trip to Ricketts Glen in northern PA & car needs new alternator

November – Global Awareness Week, Thanksgiving with friends, Candy & the barn gals ride in the Myopia Hunter Pace (horse stuff of course)

December – Car finally breaks one last time creating a "surprise" need for a car

When we look back over the year it seems so short, but so full. We were blessed to find time to rest and reflect this year. Many of you may not believe this, but as I (Candy) age, I am beginning to really enjoy times of rest and reflection. I hope and pray you have time in the new year to work in some rest and reflection time of your own. – God Bless!

Impact Ministries

Both Tim and I felt the impact of our short-term missions trip to Guatemala (July 12-22). Tim went on a trip with this same organization (Impact Ministries) back in 2006 and was so impressed that upon returning, he asked me to think about going to see what they were doing and especially "how" they were doing it. I held onto that request and we were able to go this year as a couple with a team from our old church in WA state. The team worked on a construction project, did vacation Bible school, visited Impact Ministry Schools, and did home visits to students sponsored by impact ministry sponsors on our team. Overall the trip was a success, and I found myself just as drawn to the ministry in Tactic, Guatemala as Tim was in 2006.

Impact Ministries' mission is to train Guatemalans for leadership by teaching Biblical principles in such a way that they become integrated in their lives and effect spiritual change

Pictures - There are more pictures at our website:

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Daytona Motor Speedway



Space Shuttle Launch



Ellis River Horse Trip



Laura's Harvard Graduation



Tyler & Amanda's Wedding

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in their society; and to impact North American Christians for Third World Missions. They train Guatemalans for leadership through a Christian education model that is integrated into the larger community. They also use sponsorship as a relation building tool that creates connections between children and North American Christians who lovingly see the need and support these children not just financially, but often spiritually through letters and visits. Another way they connect North Americans with Third World Missions is to invite them to join a short-term team and come to Tactic to see what is going on and work side by side with the people of Tactic, Guatemala.

As a result of our trip we committed to partnering more deeply with Impact Ministries. First, we committed to help launch Impact Ministries in the US and start a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Right now, we just received approval from the state of Washington for the nonprofit corporation. The next major step is applying to the IRS for the 501c3 tax exempt status. If anyone has experience with this and would like to offer guidance please contact us. In the future we see more short-term trips to Guatemala, and possible visits with groups and or child sponsors around the US. For now we continue our jobs at MIT while working with Impact Ministries. In the future we see a deeper connection, which includes spending longer periods of time in Guatemala and possibly even relocating there at some point. We don't exactly know what the future holds, but ask that you continue to pray with us as we take the first steps and ask God to order the future as He continues to lead.

You may be asking, "Sounds interesting; how can I get involved"? Once the nonprofit organization is approved through the IRS, we will recruit people to become sponsors of children who are in the Guatemalan Impact Ministries schools. Right now there are approximately 100 children who do not have a sponsor. We also want to recruit two short term teams to go to Tactic in 2011. If your church, school, college group, or another group is interested in developing a relationship with this part of Guatemala and Impact Ministries please contact us and we'll provide more details. Finally, we are looking for more people to pray for us regularly. We send out a prayer and praise update once or twice a month and would love to add you to our list, just call us (617-484-1183) or email us (tcweaver1@earthlink.net) to let us know to add you to our prayer partners list.

Candy's Update

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matt 1:21-23 (NIV)

Christmas, how quickly the year passed. All the music, decorating, and celebrations challenges me to reflect on what being a Christian means to me. It is interesting how much emphasis is placed on Christmas when Jesus is much more to me than the infant in the cradle, watched over by Mary and Joseph as depicted in nativity scenes. That baby in the manger was only the beginning of mankind's redemption. It is that redemption that I reflect on a lot lately.

I witness God's redemption in how he handles my fear and doubt. The journey of working with Impact Ministries has not progressed without hesitation and my fears and doubt leading me away from the incredible journey God planned for my life. (For I know the plans I have for you... Jeremiah 29:11a). Without God's redemption, I am just a self-centered, cynic of humanity. But through his redemption, I am continually aware of the cost that little baby paid as an adult on the cross for my salvation from sin, especially the self-centeredness that breeds cynicism. Self-centeredness and cynicism aside, God continues to change me from



Camping in August



Surprise Birthday Party



BillERICA Horse Show



Anniversary Trip in PA



Guatemala w/Tactic Noted

the inside out, bringing out the best of me and loving me as I join Him on the journey He put before Tim and I with Impact Ministries.

“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: take your everyday, ordinary life— your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it as an offering before God. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.” ~ Romans 12:1 (Message)~

My greatest hope for all our friends and family this holiday season and in the new year is that God bring the best out of you and develop well-formed maturity in your life that reflects God's love for you.

Tim's Update

The year has been quite full. Early in the year we made several trips to Lancaster. In May, I saw a Space Shuttle launch and drove a race car at Darlington Speedway on a road trip down to Florida with my dad. Then we prepared for Guatemala and partnered with Impact Ministries. Then after a brief break in August, the school year at MIT started up again in September, which means I am busier at work. Since Thanksgiving things have slowed down a bit both at work and home, which gave me time to digitize all our videos and CD's. The next project is to purge our office paperwork to a manageable size.

Another highlight of my year was Global Awareness Week (GAW) at Grace Chapel. During GAW at Grace Chapel we had the privilege to hear Don Golden, from World Relief, speak. He shared from Exodus 3 where the Israelites are in Egypt as slaves and crying out to God for rescue. According to Golden, the Hebrew word used in this passage for cry is sa'aq. It is a word used when crying out in pain. Its meaning also asks the question, who will come to my rescue, and where is justice? God indeed heard the cry of his people and delivered them out of Egypt. At Sinai, God made a covenant with the Israelites, where they would be his people and he would be their God. They were to hear the cry of the world and be the physical representation of God here on earth and pass on the blessing God bestowed upon them to the rest of the world. However, the Israelites accepted the bounty that God bestowed on them and worked to preserve it for themselves, thus ignoring the cry of others. In just a few generations they established their kingdom under the Kings and were the greatest power in the land. They even used slaves to help build the temple under Solomon!

God's people, who were once oppressed, were now oppressors and broke their covenant with God. This was the beginning of the end, as they had a slow decline until they were eventually carried off into exile again in Babylon. Golden encouraged us that as American Christians we have been given great bounty and blessings to be Christ's representatives here on earth. If we don't hear the cry of the oppressed and do our part to bring about God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, we too will suffer the same cycle and fate as the Israelites. This really rang true to me; I have often felt the need to get out of the USA on a short term missions trip to keep life in perspective. It is so easy to get caught up in my life and taking care of me, that I stop hearing "the cry" of the rest of the world.

Candy and I are now focusing on the cry of the Pocomchi & Ketchi people in central Guatemala. Their cries are a combination of spiritual & physical poverty. Working with Impact Ministries (www.impactminusa.org), we aim to do more than just hear their cry. May His kingdom come and His will be done in this part of central Guatemala as it is in Heaven. Amen

Merry Christmas and may God bless you in the new year! *Tim & Candy Weaver*

Prayer Requests & Praises!

- Praise that Impact Ministries USA was granted nonprofit corporation status in Washington state
- Praise that Global Awareness Week at Grace Chapel (Nov 14th to 21st) was well attended and received.
- Praise that a draft copy of the bylaws for Impact Ministries USA is out for review.
- Pray for the process of applying for 501c3 tax exempt nonprofit status with the IRS
- Pray for us as we continue to clean out 16 years of files in our office
- Pray for us as we travel to PA to visit with family over the Christmas holidays. We leave for PA on December 23rd and return to Boston on January 2nd
- Continue praying for us as we move forward with Impact Ministries USA and start the process of applying for tax exempt status with the IRS

Calendar of Events

- Dec 23 - Jan 2nd: Christmas in Lancaster, PA
- April 3rd - April 6th: Master's practice rounds
- Trip to Washington?
- Trip to Guatemala?