

Weaver's Wanderings

January 2012

Dear Friends and Family - Happy New Year!

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 – "Snowmageddon" shoveling, shoveling, and more shoveling

February – Tim's conference in Florida, office renovation

March – Think the snow took it all out of us, so we didn't do much this month

April – Master's practice rounds for Tim, visit to PA for Candy, MIT 150th Celebration

May – Abramowicz Picnic in New Hampshire, fun, friends, & sun; a great combo

June – Tim's niece and nephew and his parents visit Boston

July – Alliance Christian Fellowship PSU Alumni "Grill n Chill" in Pennsylvania

August – Trip to North Carolina and race hurricane Irene back to Massachusetts

September – Our Impact Ministries short-term trip to Tactic, Guatemala

October – Put together Impact Ministry update and promo materials and Candy & barn gals Ellis River, Maine horseback riding trip

November – Trips to Washington State, Kamloops, Canada & Pennsylvania

December – Candy's Mom's dog Chancellor and Candy's Nanny passed away, a quiet Christmas, then a New Years Eve party with our "Life Community" (bible study group)

When we look back over the year, it was one full of travel and good times with friends and family. There wasn't as much time to rest and reflect this year, but all the people we spent time with really recharged our batteries. As much as I liked last year's opportunities to rest and reflect, I personally (Candy) soaked in all the conversation and reconnecting and am ready to go forward into 2012. Hope you had a wonderful year and are looking forward to what is in store for you in 2012. – God Bless!

Impact Ministries

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 in their society; and to impact North American Christians for cross cultural missions. They train Guatemalans for leadership through a Christian education model that is integrated into the larger community. They also use sponsorship as a relationship-building tool that creates connections between children and North American Christians, who lovingly see the need to support these children not just financially, but often spiritually through letters and visits. Another way they connect North Americans with cross cultural 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 partnering more deeply with Impact Ministries, we applied to the IRS for the

Pictures - More pics at:

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"Snowmageddon"



Masters Practice Round



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MIT's 150th Celebration



Boston Public Garden



Guatemala w/Tactic Noted

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501c3 tax-exempt status this past August. We traveled to Tactic, Guatemala in September to gather much-needed insight into the foundational work and assess what direction IMUSA might aim for the next year as the 501c3 tax status is reviewed and eventually approved by the IRS.

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. We also want to recruit two short term teams to go to Tactic in 2012. Praise God a youth group in Washington led by Josh Bresler has committed to traveling to Guatemala from June 22nd to July 2nd. We would love to put another team in front of their trip. If your church, school, college group, medical team or another group is interested in going June 12th - 22nd and 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 about once 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

Wow, when you take a glance over your shoulder to see what you did for the past year, what you see comes with mixed emotions. From good times with old and new friends to family pets and Nanny's passing, I find it more and more rewarding to take a longer look over my shoulder and take the time to celebrate the relationships and mourn the losses of those who've left us, either by death or by our relocating back and forth across the country. There is something to be said for taking stock in our life journey.

Our year was so full of relationship building; I loved every single minute of it (even when I was horribly sick while out in Washington state). Thanks Deb & Bill for volunteering to help with Impact Ministries accounting work. Thanks Katherine for letting me ride my old pony Pink; she's really come along under your training. And it was so good to reconnect with Jay and Cindy Diller who married us over 17 years ago! And, thanks to everyone for being so welcoming to us into your homes and lives. Somehow, I lost sight of how much I love all of you, but thanks be to God that He provided the opportunities to reconnect with so many of you this past year. I pray that He continues to create avenues for me to connect with more of you in 2012.

If you are old enough (or maybe young enough) to remember the singer Michael Card; he has a song called Joy in the Journey.

Forget not the hope that's before you, And never stop counting the cost, Remember the hopelessness when you were lost.

There is a joy in the journey, There's a light we can love on the way, There is a wonder and wildness to life, And freedom for those who obey.

And freedom for those who obey...

My challenge this year is to recognize the journey, love all those around me on the journey, and soak in the wonder and wildness of life, and truly find all the freedoms in obeying God. May God bless you richly on your 2012 journey, and I pray your journey draws you closer to His purpose for your life.



Meal at Rio de Vida School



Guatemala guest house



Boys at Rio de Vida School



ACF "Grill 'n Chill"



North Carolina Waterfall

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Tim's Update

Once again we had a full year. Highlights largely revolved around our travels and friends whom we could connect with this year. Fulfilling a dream of seeing the Master's golf course, even if it was for two practice rounds was awesome. Reconnecting with old ACF friends at the Grill 'n Chill event was fun as well. We also had the opportunity to visit western North Carolina (near Asheville) and saw many of the waterfalls in the surrounding area. Fun fact: Transylvania County in North Carolina has the largest concentration of waterfalls than anywhere else in the USA. Our trip to Guatemala allowed us to more deeply connect with the ministry work going on in Guatemala and gather key information for developing Impact Ministries USA. It is always good to get back to the Seattle area and see old friends there, even in November! We also shot up to Kamloops, Canada to meet the board from Impact Ministries Canada and see the Canadian office. After being in PA for Thanksgiving, we thought we would have a slower December, but had many opportunities to connect with friends here in Massachusetts. We spent Christmas day with my aunt and uncle who live about 45 minutes away and saw my cousin Joel and his wife Jackie. We hadn't seen Joel in years and never met Jackie, so the small family reunion was great.

As I look into 2012, it's filled with activity, but also hopefully some time to rest and reflect. Our jobs continue to be steady and sure, providing great financial blessing and continuity. We anticipate being in Guatemala for a few weeks in June and will probably have other Impact Ministries related travel during the fall. We are also taking a short class at church discussing the book by Don Miller, "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years, How I learned to Live a Better Story." We just had our first class, and it seems like a great book and study.

May God bless you in the new year!

Tim & Candy Weaver

Prayer Requests & Praises!

- You don't realize how much being sick takes it out of you. We are glad to be healthy again!
- We had three Intro to Impact Ministries events in WA & a small, but good event in PA.
- Even though we were busy with friends in December, we had a chance to slow down & take care of projects around the house.
- Our winter has been much warmer than average with almost no snow! A great reprieve after the last two winters.
- We had a great trip out to Washington and Kamloops, CA, connecting with many friends and met the Impact Ministries Canada staff.
- We had a week off to visit family over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Pray for our application for the 501c3 (tax exempt status) with the IRS. The IRS has decided that our application needs further development work. That means it will take longer to get our approval since they are only reviewing applications that were submitted last June (we submitted our application in August). Please pray that the approval process would proceed quickly.
- Pray for us as we start to map out our year for 2012. It looks like we will be traveling to Guatemala in June. Other travel plans are still in the works.



Deb & Bill Cole



Candy's old pony in WA



Jay & Cindy Diller -
married us in 1994



Tim at Canadian office of
Impact Ministries.

Calendar of Events

- May 18-20: Tim's family reunion - Lancaster, PA
- June - Trip to Guatemala
- Other Impact Ministries travel?
- Oct. 6-8: Candy's Maine horse trip w/the girls
- Dec. 27-31: Urbana 2012