

Dearest Family and Friends in Christ,

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My heart is so grateful and searches to express my gratitude first and foremost to my Lord and Saviour and secondly to the dear people that allow themselves to be used of God to reach the lost and to minister to one another. Reaching others is of the utmost importance, yet reaching and molding our child/children starts from birth. We could go as far to say even while they are in the womb.

This letter is very different, but the Lord has guided me in the direction to share my heart with you. Yes, the pictures are all of my grandchildren. Honestly speaking, our personal families that God has borne us into are at the top of the list in wanting them to spend an eternity with you in heaven and we also equally desire to see them live lives pleasing to our Lord and Saviour.

We as parents can assuredly see this happen by taking God at His Word. God, as we all know, makes good on all of His promises. There are many of you as parents that can say as I do (by the grace of God), that we tried to follow God's Word in loving, rearing, teaching, and guiding our children in His way. God tells us in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Mark 12:29-31 that we are to teach them what God did in our heart. They too are to love God with all their mind, soul, heart, and strength. We are to teach them "diligently." We are to "speak" of Him when we rise up, when we sit in our house, when we walk by the way, and when we lie down. Just like any other relationship, we come to love each other by spending lots of quality time together. This is certainly true when developing a relationship with God as well.

When spending time with my grandchildren, the words from grandma are: "Before breakfast, off to school, playtime etc. "Let's make time for God first. Let's ask God to keep us safe on the road. Yes, math can be pretty hard; let's ask God for help". I also use opportunities to give honor and glory to God for small victories in their daily lives. The opportunities are there, parents!!! We need to nurture our children first, and then together we nurture their children.

My mind goes back to Andrea (my granddaughter) who is now eight years old. She began composing songs at a very young age. When she was three years old, she sang a song that she made up as she went. The lyrics that I remember from the video were as follows, "And they pounded the nails in His hands and that was sad so, so sad, but He did it for me." Andrea could not read nor write, but what was put into the heart was coming out. Andrea and Caleb attend a private school in Trinidad. I thank God for Andre and Vashti (my oldest daughter and my son-in-law living in Trinidad), who obey Deut. 6:4-9. Grandpa Jackson was able to lead both Andrea and Caleb to the Lord. Praise His holy name!!!



Andrea and Caleb singing at Family Baptist Church

Erika and Andrew (my oldest grandchildren from my son Isaiah and my daughter-in-law Nancy), will be twelve and thirteen years old in a couple of months. They "still" enjoy spending time with God with their parents. Both children were led to the Lord by their parents during family devotions.

Praise God for his saving grace and that he uses the testimonies of others to bring our loved ones to Him. Praise God they have tender hearts towards the things of God and they love going to church and learning from His Word.

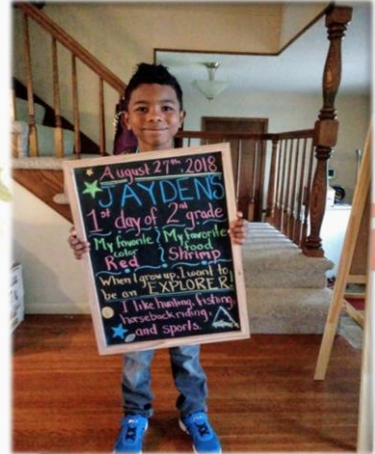
Pictured below are some pictures of my son Isaiah, Nancy, and their children. I have also included some pictures of Joslyn and Jaxon (the children of my daughter Juanice and my son-in-law Tony) that also live in California with Isaiah and his family. I am thankful that they are able to spend time with each other's families. With the other two siblings spread across the world, it's a blessing they can be together.



Andrew, Erika, and Nancy



Isaiah and Juanice family together



My Jayden

Joslyn(7yrs.) stood up at her Christian school graduation last year, and before hundreds of people said that she wants to be the president of the United States of America so that she can tell everyone what Jesus has done for them so that they can have Jesus in their heart and be saved. God is good!

Jayden (7yrs.) and Jazzalyn (3 yrs.), (my grandchildren from my youngest daughter Davina and my son-in-law Quinton) live in Minnesota. They attend a Christian school there that has great influence on both of the children. Just the other day Jazzalyn also composed a song for Jesus and was singing phrase after phrase for the family unashamedly.

Many of you are still training and raising your children/grandchildren in the Lord. I just want to encourage you to keep at it with the promise of 1 Corinthians 15:58 in your heart and on your minds.

Thank you to God's children who help to sustain me through your prayers and financial support. I LOVE YOU AND PRAY FOR YOU!

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