

United by Grace...Led by Spirit...Together by Promise...Trusting His Purpose

Joy in the Journey

Sharing Chronicles of Growth and Ministry with Frank and Melissa Joy King

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'"

Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Family, Friends,

& Prayer Partners...

Moving day is **almost here!**

Together, Melissa and I are embarking on the next big step in our walk with Christ. We stand at the precipice, gazing out upon the wide horizon of faith; without familiar comforts, devices, or markings on the trail. We carry only the truth of God's word, both in our hearts, and in our hands; led once more by His Holy Spirit, trusting His purpose for us.

We are **SO** thankful to those of you who have partnered in prayer with us, during these early years of our marriage. By your prayers, your time, gifts, or in other ways God has seen fit to lead you, you have shared with us a great blessing. . Thank you all so much for your love and kindness.

This newsletter marks the first of many we plan to send periodically to you, as God enables us, describing our growth and ministry walk together in Christ Jesus:

I am to begin classes at **Moody Bible Institute** in Chicago, January 12th, 2009; orientation is on the 8th. Once at Moody, our plan is for Melissa to hold a full-time job position while I am in school (I also plan to work part-time, hopefully in the radio or network department). My plan of study will be Communications, minoring in Broadcasting (mainly radio).

Why not music?

Originally, I began studying for Music Education. However, as the years passed, and as I began to see changes in me, and in the journey God was taking me, it became clear that although music plays a huge part in who I am, it is but one vehicle I've been given with which to share His story, and what He's done in my life. Praise God!

As for my beautiful bride, Melissa Joy...

*(It was undeniably grace which brought us together, and none has ever been, nor will **ever** be as beautiful as she. For she is to me a reflection of my Savior.)*

She has been busy this past month, gathering things we've stored off-site, sifting items to take or to store (to give, to sell, or to throw away). While updating her resume, she's taken the time to communicate with the housing department heads at Moody, to insure our deposits are paid, to get our new address information, gathering cost figures--all so we are better prepared when we arrive in Chicago.

*(And this, while trying to make sure we have groceries, cleaning laundry, sorting items from storage, seeing to it I have a ride home to or from work some days, and we have a meal to eat when I arrive home. To quote Dr. Jim..."I am **truly** a blessed man!")*

Although we still have no acceptances from the job inquiries we've both made (Melissa may have an interview with Moody), we are trusting, and **MUST** trust God will supply what we need, when we need it. He always has, and I know He always will (Philippians 4:19). We feel we are attempting something which is "doomed to failure, unless God be in it"--to God be the glory! We are so grateful for the prayerful support we've received from you, and we pray God's blessing back to you, as well.

Scared? No. Worried? No. God's already brought me and my wife through so many tests to prove Himself faithful, you might say we're becoming desensitized to worry. Concerned? Absolutely! I'm learning more each day, as Dr. Jim taught about King David's request to pay for his sacrifice--obedience comes at a cost (2 Samuel 24:24b). That's what faith is all about, and until God closes the door, Melissa and I are gonna keep right on walkin'! (Psalm 4:8)

We will cherish our final days with you, Immanuel Baptist Church. God truly made you instrumental in bringing my wife and I together, and we are continually warmed by your friendship and love. We love you, and will miss our weekly worship time together, but will be looking forward to future opportunities for reunion with you.

We also continue to remember you in prayer, Leitzkes, Blairs, Kings, Llorcas, Purmorts, Stephens, Washingtons, and Swineys. Some of you we see often, some we long to see soon; all of you we love, and continue to uphold in prayer.

Finally, to our circle of friends we love...we covenant to continue to be the friend God made us to be for you. Those of you who know our Lord Jesus, we have His assurance we will see you again; here, or in the air! Those of you who haven't yet chosen to give Him your heart, you have **everything** to gain in doing so.

Jesus says, "*I stand at the door, and knock; if **any** man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to Him...*" (Revelation 3:20). Melissa and I would love to share more with you about Jesus'-- His sacrifice, victory, and love--just give us a call, or drop us a note.

And to **everyone**...our door is always open (okay, it *will* be Chicago...please knock first), and we're still just a click, or a phone call away.

Please pass along to us any requests or praises God gives you; we'd love to share in them with you. Our new mailing address is listed below, effective January 3, 2009. Until that time, we will continue to use our current mailing address in Wausau...

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to ALL OF YOU!!!

...still...we're trusting.

Always In His Love,

Frank & Melissa Joy King

(please email us for our current mailing address)