

Christmas Greetings from the Krejcir's

On the campus, in Bible schools, seminaries, churches, overseas and online—in October of this year, 2008, the *Schaeffer Institute of Church Leadership* and *Into Thy Word Ministries* turned thirty years old!

Celebrating Thirty years of Ministry! December 2008

Merry Christmas to all our family and friends all over the world!

Greetings Favored One! The Lord is with you! (Luke 1:28)



A Christmas Devotion

The Incarnational Christian

Learning from Who Christ is and what He has done to be a display of His Love!

We, as followers of Christ who worship, fellowship, and serve Him must realize we are the containers of His grace, both as individuals and as a communal assembly.

This means we are also the display cases of His presence, love, and principles for one another in the church as well as to others outside of the church. This comes about from our faithfulness and fruitfulness; we must do a better job at this. When we do live in and for and through Christ, something extraordinary happens.

Ourselves and our churches become beacons of His grace, lighthouses of collective abundance by our love and care, and we even go to people in need. People feel loved and part of something real, impacting, and effectual. Unfortunately, we tend to miss the mark on what Christ would have us do concerning how we relate to and treat one another in His Body, His Church. Unfortunately, many who come to our homes and places of worship see little evidence of this abundance of faith and fruit in action; neither do they see us coming to them in His love.

(Mark 3:1-6; 1 Cor. 15:20; 2 Cor. 5:20; Gal. 5:19-23; Eph. 3; Heb. 10:38; 13; James 2:12-13; 2 John 1:6; Rev 2:1-3:22).

Being an Incarnational Christian means, as Jesus Christ is birthed in the world, He is also birthed in us, so we First and Foremost exhibit Him!

How well is Christ displayed and deployed in you and your church?

Family Updates

Mary, Thank-you for your prayers and support!

Wow, this year has gone by fast, as Ryan keeps growing up so fast. We are plowing through our own economic downturn, but trusting in God's continued provisions and blessings as we seek to serve Him better. Richard has been very busy with Ryan care in the mornings and the extraordinary ministry God has graciously gave us as stewards for, and Mary is balancing all of this while seeking to know and serve the Lord better.

Ryan, is doing great; he just turned 2 ½, he is healthy, very, very active, loud, wild and all boy, praise God; thus we declare this in God's name the wonderful 2's! (Well, we need help and prayer!). Again, thank-you for your prayers! We just got back from His Dr. check-up and he is doing great, no health concerns. Ryan goes to a pre-preschool on Thursdays and we keep him active too. He is now 38 lbs and wearing 4T and 5T, and he is doing well thanks to your prayers!

Richard, has been teaching a lot at church and at conferences, as well as researching for the Schaeffer Institute (yes, another not being paid job-lol). Still doing the "daddy day care," in the mornings and working in the evenings while dragging Ryan to some speaking and conferences and meetings.

Thanks for peoples support as we were able to fix the part of our roof off that blew off a few months ago and some vandalism we received (lots of dung was spread all over the outside of our house a few months ago too). I guess some do not like the Lord's work. And what was our response, you know- OH-poo...lol, we prayed and took our address off any international correspondence and public viewings. The roof was fixed just in time for the rain and no leaks. The police would not write a report, so our insurance did not cover that. And yes, our house needs to be repainted!

Ministry News

Richard's latest book, [The New Exodus](#) is now out!

Why are people not going to Church? What are the real reasons behind it, and what can we do about it?

This is the Book originally called *Pew-Sitting*, as some of you were asking about, when it will be ready, here it is!

- Teaching a lot at conferences, including the "Gospel-Com" conference in MI last Oct!
- Researching for the *Schaeffer Institute* and developed a new website for them: www.churchleadership.org
- We received our stolen website back (was taken over by pornographers in Brazil, this took 5 years of overseas litigation) www.francisschaeffer.org
- And, business as usual as we are providing the training material and pastoral resources for over 10,000 pastors in various Bible schools and training centers.
- Even with the up-evils in Pakistan, our ministry flourishes there, as we are providing the training and pastoral resources to over 1,000 pastors at 2 underground pastoral Bible training centers.
- And we are finally on Facebook, personal and ministry: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/profile.php?id=1350697456>
- <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=804735199>
- We keep our eyes focused on our Lord as our strength! This ministry continues because of your prayers and support!

Thank-you for all who have supported and prayed for us! May God continue to Bless and keep you!

Richard, Mary and Ryan Krejcir
Num 6:24



Into Thy Word Ministries is about Equipping Leaders and Pastors how to better understand and apply the Bible, this is crucial to building a healthy Church for Christ's Glory. Many pastors are inadequately equipped or have lost their focus. *ITW* seeks to encourage and equip pastors around the world. And you can partner with us too!

Prayer Requests

- For more ministry supporters and prayer warriors.
- Pray for a relief and victory over our spiritual warfare situations!
- Wisdom what to do with our financial and living situation.
- Continual wise use of our time and resources, balancing work, ministry, baby and life - that we would walk in the Light of the Lord!
- For the help, resources and contacts to come our way with the right opportunities and associations!
- For the Lord to use us to minister as we research and develop books, resources and curriculums for pastors, discipleship and biblical church leadership development.
- Good health for us, as well as wisdom, resources so we can better partake in the opportunities God has for us, personally and for the ministry!
- Insights and resources as we parent our little precious Ryan!
- Provision of all our financial, ministry and family needs!

See our new Facebook page for more family updates and prayer requests...

...and "thank you!"



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