

The Charters Family

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Pastor Gray,

I trust that this letter finds you doing well and experiencing God's blessings in your life and ministry. I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for remembering us this past Christmas season which was expressed by the generous offering that you sent to our family. We were truly humbled and encouraged by the expression of your thoughtfulness.

Since our daughters are now married, our family has grown with the addition of two sons-in-law. Last October, our youngest son, Kaleb, turned eighteen. He is presently in Army boot camp. We are now officially "empty-nesters." It has been an interesting and difficult transition. They say that the "launching" phase is the most difficult and important stage of parenting. We covet and appreciate your prayers as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

In the past, when the children were younger, we normally purchased toys. However, as they have grown, we have learned that the most important things in this life are not things but people and the relationships with those people. When we approach our golden years, I imagine that what will make us "rich" will be the memories and the time that we have invested in the closest personal relationships.

There were several other churches, along with yours, that sent a special offering. This year we decided to invest those gifts into a mini-vacation with our children. We were able to celebrate New Year's Eve in a family suite of a hotel near a popular theme park in California. We spent the next day enjoying being together again as a family in the amusement park.

An interesting thing happened, however, that morning. As I approached our car in the hotel parking lot, I noticed a man acting suspiciously near our car. I thought he was trying to break into the car next to ours. I moved our car to the other side of the parking lot and called the police. They arrived and arrested him. They took our statement, then we left for the amusement park. Ten minutes later, I received a call from the arresting officer, asking if I actually saw him burglarizing the other vehicle. He then described the items that they found on him. All the items he had stolen belonged to me. The thief had confessed to the police that he had broken into our car. We returned to retrieve our belongings and enjoyed the rest of New Year's Day rejoicing in the goodness and protection of our great God. Thank you again, for being a part of this special opportunity which allowed us to make life enriching memories with our kids. You are truly a great blessing and encouragement to us.

Sincerely Grateful,

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