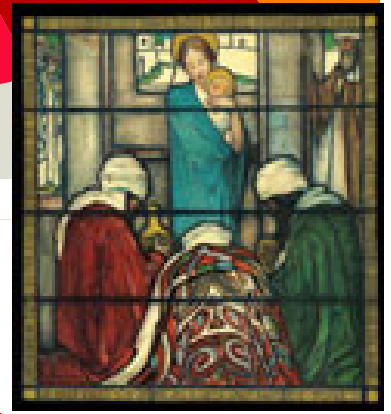


# Christmas Greetings from the Krejci's

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

December 2009

*"...stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel," Phil. 1:27*



## A Christmas Devotion

### *Living the Christmas Spirit All Year Long*

**Philippians 1:27-- 2: 11; 3:10**

*When someone says the word "Christmas," what comes to your mind? Perhaps your thoughts include family, eating, visiting and, of course, the presents! Maybe your mind goes to the stress of the holidays in trying to find that perfect gift for a picky relative or a cherished loved one, or, perhaps, the dreaded family visits when you know you will be picked apart by relatives with questions such as "What are you doing, still going to that church? When are you going to get a real job? Why are you not married yet? Why are your kids wearing that?" and so forth...*

*The Christmas Spirit is the character of Christ living out in us all year long. The point of the Christian life is not self-realization, but in knowing Jesus Christ, not allowing anything to take His place in our thinking, our emotions, and the daily experiences of life. The spiritual and mature Christian will never think his circumstances are merely haphazard, neither think of himself as the center of the universe. Rather Christians are to be Christ like in "attitude" and in "form." Whether we do menial activities like raking leaves, or tackle big projects for the church, the mature Christian will see everything as Christ does, even in those times when it seems He has "dumped" on him.*

*Thus, our daily activities as well as those bad circumstances such as stress, setbacks, failures, and such, are a means of growth and learning and becoming more like Him. We are to see all that there is in life as a journey to further secure the knowledge of Jesus Christ in our lives, even to the point of being recklessly abandoned to Him. (Gal. 2:20-21)*

## Family Updates

**Mary, Thank-you for your prayers and support!** Another year has gone by fast. Ryan keeps us busy and is growing so fast. We are experiencing our own economic recession, but we are trusting in God's continued provisions and blessings as we seek to serve Him better. This also has been a hard year, my mom had a life threatening stroke that left her partially paralyzed and my sisters and I take turns taking care of her. Richard has taken up the slack with Ryan care and still juggling the amazing ministry God has graciously given us as stewards for. Our desire is to know and serve the Lord better.

**Ryan, is doing great;** he just turned 3 ½, he is extremely bright, healthy and very, very active, loud- all boy, praise God. Not to brag, but he reads now, is in 3 different preschool programs, including taking violin and piano lessons, which he loves. Oh, he is in Karate too, just too cute! Yes, we need your help and prayer! He is doing well thanks to your prayers!

**Richard, has been teaching** a lot at various churches and conferences, writing curriculums for pastors, as well as researching for the Schaeffer Institute, a long term project on "Fruit in the Church." He is also overseeing the training of over 10,000 pastors in S/C Asia. Still doing the "daddy day care," in the mornings and working in the evenings while dragging Ryan to some speaking and conferences and meetings.

**Relationship tip:** If you chose to pursue the love that our Lord showed us with peace and character, over pride, you can work through almost any problem or hurt. If you insist on pride and holding your hurt, you will be at war, then no conflict will be solved and all you will have is anger, hurt and bitterness.

**We are here to help equip and encourage you to grow deeper in your walk with Christ and impact others around you!**

## Ministry News

- Teaching a lot at conferences, including CMTA and the Gospel-Com conference and many more!
- Researching for the *Schaeffer Institute* and developed a new website for them: [www.churchleadership.org](http://www.churchleadership.org)
- Our latest website [www.francisschaeffer.org](http://www.francisschaeffer.org)
- Did you know that we are providing the training material and pastoral resources for over 20,000 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.
- Besides our books, we have over 1,000 effectual and biblical resources that you can use for free for your own spiritual growth, small group or ministry, all online!
- And we are finally on Facebook and Twitter: [www.facebook.com/rkrejcir](http://www.facebook.com/rkrejcir) [twitter.com/intothyword](https://twitter.com/intothyword)
- We keep our eyes focused on our Lord as our strength!
- This ministry continues after 30 years 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

Serving the Lord through *Into Thy Word Ministries* and at Lake Avenue Church, Pasadena, Ca

*Our Purpose is to point to the Supremacy and Centrality of Christ, and with your partnership we can expand God's Kingdom by becoming and developing wholeheartedly, fully-engaged followers of Jesus Christ. If you want to help support us in these endeavors and our pastoral training overseas, then please let us know. Please remember us in prayer!*



*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.
- Wisdom what to do with our financial and living situation.
- Continual wise use of our time and resources, balancing work, ministry, family, the little guy 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!
- Pray for a relief and victory over our spiritual warfare situations!
- 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, devotional thoughts and prayer requests... <http://www.facebook.com/rkrejcir>*

**...and "thank you!"**



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