



AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM PASTOR RANDY:

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTERS FOR THE YEAR 2012

It is with a heavy heart that I must let you know that I will not be writing any newsletters in the coming year. In September, I was diagnosed with stage 2, non-Hodgkin's, Lymphoma cancer in my groins. No one is ever prepared for hearing the dreaded "C" word, and neither were we. After the initial shock sat in, we began what would become the biggest battle of our lives.

Upon researching this medically labeled systematic chronic and incurable disease, I entered into a 40 day fast in order to arrest the rapid spreading of this cancer to other parts of my body. Initially, due to what I studied about the power of physical fasting, I thought that the fast itself would be sufficient to starve the cancer at work in my body. However, 37 days into that fast, we felt that God, by a series of events of divine guidance, was directing us to seek additional medical help outside of the U.S. Therefore, we went to a specific medical clinic in Mexico for a two-week treatment program which uses less aggressive forms of treatment than the standard protocol done in the US of more intense radiation and chemo. We are very thankful to the Lord for the wonderful clinic He sent us to and the huge care, concern and kindness we received while we were there. We have never experienced the kind of dedication, and personal attention we received from these doctors. As a matter of fact the head oncologist Dr. Vargas still calls me almost every other day to find out how I am doing.

During those two weeks in Mexico I received intravenous feeding of massive doses of vitamin C, B-17 (Laetrile) and B-12 shots. I also received 10% radiation and chemo (instead of the 90% of radiation and chemo used in the U.S.) In those 2 weeks my tumors completely disappeared. However, I had a rough road of recovery ahead as I had contracted bronchitis and also had various side effects that were most difficult to endure. Thankfully, God had impressed us to stay an extra week in San Diego in case of any complications. That was a grueling week for me filled with nausea and motion sickness. Later, I developed great abdominal and rectal pains that made life anything but pleasant.

I have also lost much weight during the fast. I went from 142 to 114 pounds. As of the writing of this letter, I have only regained a few pounds of that lost weight. Needless to say, I am quite weak. We are thankful to now be back home in Denver. Truly, there is no place like home. Although home, I have not as yet returned to any of my pastoral duties.

I am presently 71 years old and still a full-time pastor of a congregation here in Denver as well as overseeing another group in Ohio. I am also on the radio here in Denver as well as in Ohio, and I am still making DVD teachings and writing books here and there. Lord willing, I plan to continue to do most of these activities. However, as the old song says, "Something has to give". Therefore I am making this announcement of discontinuing the newsletters for the year 2012 in order to get some needed rest. The newsletters are a big part of my ministry which takes much research and study. Not counting meditation and study of the subject matter, it takes me a week just to produce one newsletter from start to finish.

In absence of any new newsletter material coming forth for 2012, I want to remind you that there is a wealth of previous newsletters posted on my website spanning back to 2005. This is a great backlog of material that will sustain your appetite until, Lord willing, I can get back on my feet. You could also ask for our catalogue which list all of my books, DVD's and yearly booklet of Newsletters which you could order.

It is not only I which need time to recover, but also in need is my caregiver, my dear wife. If you have never served in this capacity, you cannot comprehend how draining this is on someone, especially when it is your mate. It takes a great toll physically and emotionally. My wife is 79, and like me, still working full-time in the ministry. Pray for us that we can develop a needful "semi-retired" mentality in 2012. We are so thankful that God has chosen to spare my life and has directed us in paths to achieve that goal. Our God never leaves us nor forsakes us, He is a very present help in time of trouble and He works all things together for good for those who love Him and those who are the called according to His purpose. We desire to fulfill His purpose in our time of testing.

May the Lord richly bless you, guide you and strengthen you as you continue to run the race with endurance looking to the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will be worth it all when we see Him face to face.

Blessings upon you.

Pastor Randy Shupe