

# Project 52

God is good. God is faithful.



## 4th Quarter at a glance...

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We finally have had the opportunity to sit and reflect on God's continued goodness and faithfulness this last quarter of 2016. What a whirlwind! We are grateful for His provision and weekly opportunities to bless and pray with so many; to encourage so many including the front line soldiers of the faith in spiritual war-torn communities. Here are a few highlights... to God be the GLORY! This is our thanks:

- Thank you Lord! Redistributed 8000+ pairs of socks to over 35 ministries in 6 states
- Blessed 200 kids for Christmas, collecting and wrapping donated gifts that came from everywhere from New Jersey to Indiana
- Redistributed three thousand pounds of donated meat from Kroger to 6 local communities including Hillsboro OH
- Continued healthy products and fruits and veggies that are donated from Walmart, and snacks from Kroger, continue to go out to thousands of families in the tri state and beyond.

- Thank you Lord for the hundreds of winter coats that came in and have warmed so many in the tri- state, Appalachia, Eastern KY, Hillsboro and some of the homeless in Roanoke VA.

- Thank you precious Lord for the semi of MRE's (meals ready to eat). For using our ministry as a conduit of redistribution from Michigan to Washington CH to Eastern KY, through Christian Appalachian Project. This semi of food blessed over 700 ministries in eastern KY including our dear friends in Jackson, KY at the Happy Church.

- Jesus. Thank you for allowing us to serve the orphan in Your Name. We delivered over \$5000 in new goods to Sunrise Children Services in Kentucky. What an incredible ministry!

- We are thankful for all the Bibles that came in both new and gently used. All were redistributed. Thank you Lord especially for the special week Jerry passed out 24 bibles to people in need in our community! Let us never become so busy that we neglect to see the hurting people in our midst, whether at the gym, gas station or grocery store! (Prayers for the Buddhist woman who took one) ☺

- Had the privilege to pray at our Capitol in Columbus Ohio with 8,000 other Christians for our country and government during Franklin Graham's Decision America Tour

- Thank you Lord especially, for building our faith this quarter and teaching us not to rely on man, but You alone. Psalm 146:3; Psalm 118:8; Jeremiah 17:5-8.

Joyful,

Jerry and Tracy

*"If you love me, feed my sheep."*  
John 21:15-19



Jesus...  
Risen Savior!



**“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH,  
PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!”**

# TOYS & COATS

Please help us serve the children of the tri-state and Appalachian areas of the U.S.A this Christmas... and thanks!



## Storehouse Hubs

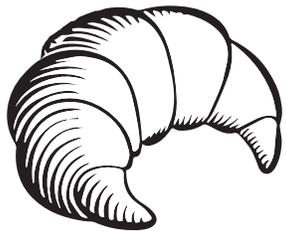
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# Christmas at PVM

There is no greater feeling than having God work through you to change a child's life. This Christmas, He and I were able to touch the lives of four families and create lasting memories with the help of

Project 5 2. Early in December I held a Breakfast with Santa event where thanks to donations, any child could attend for free at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries Family Camp. PVM is a Christian camp located ten minutes from Oxford and Camden OH. We want all children to experience God's beauty and love



and to bring many of them to share time at our camp. PVM sits on 80 acres filled with God's splendor. We offer a week at camp filled with swimming, paintball, zip line, climbing wall, kayaking, archery, God time, worship and more.

At our Breakfast with Santa fundraiser, Santa received a letter from a young boy. The letter stated that he wanted remote control cars for all of his friends because Santa does not visit them and the children want to play with his toys all of the time. He requested food for them and suggested that one of the families was living out of their car. Mrs. Claus (Jane, a friend of mine) and I decided then and there that we needed to help these children. We then reached out to his Mom who gave us the whole story. In an instant God spoke to us. I immediately began collecting toys, Bibles, clothes, coats and food for these families. I was able to connect with Project 5 2 through a mutual acquaintance and immediately they offered to join in with us by donating gifts, socks, underwear and more. I then reached out to the local church and the pastor there joined in the effort with food.

The big day came and all of the young mom's met Mrs. Claus



and me at a local pizza place. We came with the donated gifts, and we were met with screams and huge smiles from each child. God's love was shining down on us as we met and hugged each child. The moms cried at the overall generosity.

Mrs. Claus (Jane) and I prayed for direction and received our answers. We will never be able to thank everyone for the way this one amazing event came together. Jane said later, "As I watched the children my heart soared, all doubt left, and a feeling of community filled my heart. Thank you, for blessing the children with such generosity. Those kinds of hugs leave



tender impressions on my heart." God is beautiful and these families were touched by his love. Most of the children have no experience with church and had never heard the Christmas story. When we told them that God used Santa to bring them these packages, there were some questions about God. My next step is to get the children old enough to come for a week of camp and find their relationship with Jesus. Both Jane and I want to thank Project 5 2 for being part of making a difference and sharing his love.

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MARK 2:22

“AND NO ONE PUTS NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS. IF HE DOES, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS-- AND THE WINE IS DESTROYED, AND SO ARE THE SKINS. BUT NEW WINE IS FOR FRESH WINESKINS.”

JEREMIAH 17:7 “BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD, WHOSE TRUST IS THE LORD.”

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## The Suffering Christian

by An Unknown Christian

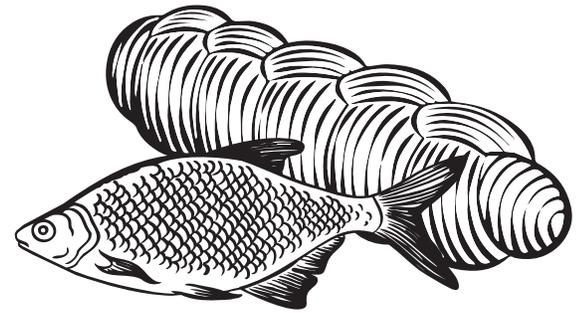
“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” - John 12:24.

We don't hear much about dying from the American pulpits anymore. In fact, we don't hear much about death of any kind, especially death to self. The modern American gospel, which is no gospel at all, has become one of “Consumerism.” And the same 5% of the world's people who consume 65% of the world's goods have turned the modern gospel into one of “You don't have health or wealth and so come to Jesus and get healed or better yet, get wealthy.” One commentator said, “He who comes to Jesus for prosperity gets neither prosperity nor Jesus.” Sinners only come to a Savior because the God of grace changes their heart, opens their eyes, grants them repentance and faith, and births them anew into His family. Not once in the Gospel do we see earthly prosperity linked to the gospel message. What we do see is death to self.



Once saved, we spend our spiritual lives as we did our previous lives, trying to “get it all together.” What I have learned the last 24 plus years of walking with Christ is that while we cherish comfort, God uses brokenness. While we seek success, God sometimes gives His

people hardship and suffering. And it is through this suffering and brokenness that God makes His people into the vessels He intends. Where do I get such an idea? Let's take just a casual stroll through the Word. “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;” - Philippians 1:29. The Apostle Paul, arguably the greatest Christian in the New Testament, was given by God to suffering. Jesus also spoke of believers having tribulations, being hated, facing persecution, being lied about, etc. But, it seems that “blessed are the broken” because it is through our weakness that His strength is made perfect and it's through our trials that the Gospel is furthered and His name is glorified.



I didn't use to think this way. (Of course, if I had studied all the scriptures more and not just my favorite parts, I would have seen this.) I was reading John 12:24 one day. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” I began to think about how many people speak of “dead” churches and church attenders. It was then that the Lord began to send me through His word to see that the problem is not that they are “dead.” The problem is that many are “too much alive.” When our flesh and carnality and immaturity are alive there is little real fruit. Then comes God's gracious “suffering program.” Then comes the life events and circumstances we didn't plan for. But, it's in the trials and suffering and brokenness that we learn steadfastness and hope. James 1:2-4 says, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” Yes, just as God ordains blessings, God also ordains suffering.

As a believer, theology matters. You probably have one of two views. You either see this great “tug of war” where God and satan are battling and you're hoping God wins. Or, you see from the Scriptures that God is sovereign and even what Satan does never happens aside from

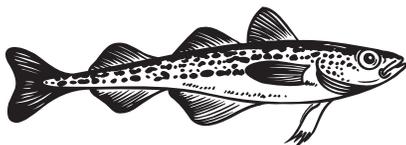
God's control. God does not look through the corridor of time and learn something and then like a good quarterback scramble to win the day. God knows everything! God wills what He does and does what He wills and even when things do not make sense God is at work in the lives of His sons and daughters. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:9.

So, because we know Scripturally God is sovereign and uses suffering and brokenness in our lives, what are some things we should do and learn in light of this? Here are a few things I've learned through suffering.

#1. If my suffering happens for the furtherance of the gospel and the glory of God's name why would I want anything else? This is where Paul found himself in Philippians 1. And he was good with it! When Christ calls us unto salvation He calls us unto Himself. Our pre-life was all about us. That life is over. The old man is dead and our new life is hidden with Christ in God. Don't run from your trial. Lean in! God is using it to further the Gospel and His glory. What doors are now open because of your trial that weren't open before? Who will listen now that wouldn't before? God will put His weak, broken servants where mighty men cannot enter. And if the gospel is being furthered and God is getting glory - why would you want anything else?

#2. You only truly love to the degree that you are willing to be inconvenienced. Suffering reveals where we really are! And we need that! We cry shallowly with Peter, "Lord I will die with you." And back comes the reply, "Will you die for me?" For most of us the question is not will we die physically for the Lord. The question is will we die to ourselves, to our flesh, to our desires, to our worldly desires and plans?

Years ago I was running a ministry and it was



really growing and doing well but I was riding down the road crying and complaining to the Lord about how it could grow more. The Lord quietly spoke to me, "What if you never grew? Would you still serve me?" It shook me so that I pulled over on the side of the road and sat in silence. It had never occurred to me that we might not grow. Finally in submission and prayer I said, "Yes Lord. I will serve You here if we never grow." God was pleased!

**MATTHEW 23:10 – 12**  
**"NEITHER BE CALLED**  
**INSTRUCTORS, FOR YOU HAVE**  
**ONE INSTRUCTOR, THE CHRIST.**  
**THE GREATEST AMONG YOU**  
**SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT.**  
**WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF**  
**WILL BE HUMBLLED AND**  
**WHOEVER HUMBLLES HIMSELF**  
**WILL BE EXALTED."**

Any man who boast in his love for his wife and then who huffs and puffs when asked to do something for her that messes with his football game or plans is still on the "loveth little" plan. He boast in his love and then denies it dozens of times before the sun comes up the next day. The degree with which you are willing to be inconvenienced is the degree to which you truly love.

Imagine us having christian or ministry plans and then God "messing them up" with suffering. (Most of our plans need messing up!) Think about even the craziness of that statement. Like our plans matter over His or are greater than His. If you didn't know this already, God doesn't think like we think and the God who hung His Son naked on a cruel cross has little problem using things that make us uncomfortable. The next time you're struggling look at the cross and try telling God, "I'm too good to suffer. I don't deserve this." I'd be willing to bet you won't even get all the words out of your mouth before the Spirit of God rebukes you and brings you back to the reality of being a child of the One who was guiltless and yet "opened not His mouth" as He was wrongly accused and battered before guilty men.

You see, my friends, God uses suffering and brokenness and hardships to mold us, further the gospel, and glorify His name. Think of those in Hebrews 11. Look at what they went through and God was pleased. Look at the martyrs, some who were beaten and burned and yet sang praises to God in their dying moments. Do you lose your song when your cable goes out or heaven forbid, someone says something bad about you or you get de-friended on Facebook? Can we say we even really suffer? What does it take to silence your praise? The disciples rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer.

## Jackson Kentucky Families Canned Food Drive

Perishables  
 Milk  
 Cereal  
 Bologna  
 Fresh fruit  
 Fresh Vegetables  
 Hot dogs  
 Juice  
 Hamburger  
 Chicken Nuggets  
 Dinner rolls/Bread  
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Non Perishables  
 Cereal  
 Soup  
 Canned fruit  
 Canned meat  
 Canned Vegetables  
 PB & J  
 Ramen Noodles  
 Mac n Cheese  
 Spaghetti sauce  
 Pasta  
 Capri Suns  
 Rice  
 Dry beans/ Any beans!

Hygiene Items, etc  
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 Toothbrushes  
 Floss  
 Mouthwash  
 Kleenex  
 Soap  
 Shampoo  
 Lice treatment  
 Sunscreen  
 Laundry detergent

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Where is this today?

It's easy for me to talk about it. But what about my life and yours? Two years ago I was struck blind by a rare disease. God made it plain to me that this was His plan and His doing. What? Yes, God blinded me! I can no longer drive and have little ability to read unless my face is about 2 inches from a 50 inch flat screen and even then I struggle. Now I spend my days alone when I use to be out every day serving God and talking to people about Jesus. What is my life worth now? Is it waste to sit and pray? Is it waste if sometimes all I can do is sit and love God? While the world may say "yes," God's word says it is the greatest thing. What if in losing our strength or skills or finances or health God is doing something that furthers His kingdom and glory? What about you? Can you sing in your sickness or weakness? You can't if you go on feelings or if your life is about you. But, if your life is in Christ and you are abiding in Him, there is peace and joy through His cross. The songwriter penned it this way, "Take joy my King, in what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet song in your ear." The sweet Holy Spirit of God can bring out a melody in suffering that could never be written in sunlight. May our prayer be that of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:10 "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,

and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death".

Suffer well beloved. Worthy is the Lamb no matter the details of our lives or our deaths. Christ is all we need! Soli Deo Gloria!

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4**  
**"DO NOTHING FROM  
SELFISH AMBITION  
OR CONCEIT, BUT IN  
HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS  
MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN  
YOURSELVES. LET EACH  
OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY  
TO HIS OWN INTERESTS  
BUT ALSO TO THE  
INTERESTS OF OTHERS."**

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## Prayers, Praises and Needs.....

- We praise God for his constant faithfulness for provision and resources!
- Praises for traveling mercies everyday!
- Trusting God for more cases/ semis of Bibles
- Please pray that God will grant us wisdom concerning the expansion into new Appalachian areas
- Please pray for our many volunteers
- Please pray for churches to understand and execute Acts 2; Acts 4; Matt 25 and Matt 28
- Please pray for souls to come into the Kingdom along the Appalachian trail and everywhere God sends us
- Personal needs: Finances for Jerry's dental work; Finances for extra medical expenses;
- New or gently used winter coats. Kids and adults

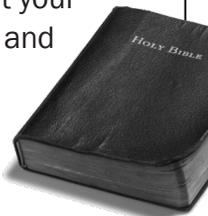
Meditate on Isaiah 58 and be blessed!

Agape love,

Jerry and Tracy

### B 4 Project—Borrowed Bibles to Build the Body

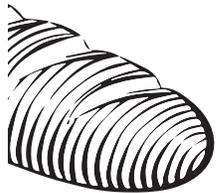
Wanted: All new or gently used Bibles that are collecting dust in our churches or home book shelves. Project 5 2 will collect all B4's !!! Also. all hotel shampoo, soap, conditioners, personal hygiene items. Will use both Bibles and hygiene items at homeless shelters, drug and alcohol rehab centers. And also abused women's homes. Start your own Bible collection campaign and once you have collected 50 or more Bibles. Call or text Jerry for pick up logistics.



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**Project 5 2's Mission**  
 (Living out Isaiah 58 & Matthew 25)

- Be the hands & feet of Christ by redistributing freely-given material wealth of others to the poor, specifically along the Appalachian Trail.
- Be the hands & feet of Christ by serving and redistributing goods to those who are neglected locally (the Tri-State), specifically orphans.
- Be a teaching mechanism to the Church, ministries, and others on serving the needy kingdom through principles.



As we strive to be good stewards of the resources given us, we ask your help. Would you rather receive the newsletter via email? Please let us know by emailing us at [office.project.52@gmail.com](mailto:office.project.52@gmail.com)

Thanks!



\*Project 5 2 is a faith-based 501C3 distributor of food, clothing, and supplies to the needy in the tri-state, Appalachia regions and beyond. Founded in 2008 in West Chester, OH.

Dedicated to Jesus.  
 Run by God.  
 Directed by the Holy Spirit.