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If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
James 1:5

The year 2011 began with a new chapter in our lives when we closed our foster care license after over 20 years.



However our home has been far from empty. Judson University student LeStan has been with us. Then Anka, a Judson graduate, joined us for most of the year before heading to grad school. Not to leave an empty bedroom, Anka's friend Kyrsten, also a Judson grad, moved in a week later.

Nancy is currently balancing her part-time work at Target, making a quilt, and reviving her Alaskan sourdough for some yummy baking.



Dann has been working on consulting jobs when he isn't renovating on our house. After his years of research, our home was awarded historic landmark status in March. The major project for the year was rebuilding historically accurate porch railings. This included painting 21 sets of balustrades and more than 200 spindles with 5 colors.



Dann and Nancy became co-presidents for ABODE (Admirers of Beautiful Old Dwellings of Elgin), an area wide group of people who love old houses and meet once a month to learn from and help each other with maintenance and restoration of historic houses and to socialize.



This year saw Joseph start middle school. He is also helping at Awana clubs; he especially likes those Cubbies (3-4 year olds).

Danny's new adventure is attending the local public high school for his freshman year. With an enrollment of nearly 2,000, it's been a big adjustment coming from a private school with 460 students pre-school to 12th.



Michael, in his senior year, is finalizing his plans on attending college as a student athlete this fall. Polishing up his grades and perfecting his gymnastics routines occupy most of his time.

Rachel finished one year at the local community college, then spent the summer as a life guard at Lake Geneva Youth Camp. Currently, she is working full time as a waitress at a local restaurant and helping out in children's ministry at church.



Kyla anticipates graduating from Concordia in December with a major in Sociology and a double minor in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies. She is on the track team and works at the campus day care center with preschoolers, whom she adores.



Matthew finished four years at Purdue University in May and moved back home. He quickly found employment working in security and was recently promoted to a supervisor.



Son Ben continues to live in DeKalb working at Northern Illinois University in food service.

Daughter Elizabeth and Jerry are living in Indiana and enjoy parenting Kiera, almost five, as well as foster parenting.

“We bring people together to help the oppressed”...
... is International Teams’ (ITeams) mission statement. The oppressed are those who don’t have access to food, freedom or forgiveness. Dann’s daily focus on technology could cause us to lose focus on the life-and-death struggles faced daily by those whom ITeams strives to help. For example, did you know that there are:

18,000 People newly enslaved in the US yearly
200,000 People currently enslaved in the US
300,000 Child soldiers worldwide
800,000 People enslaved internationally each year
27,000,000 People enslaved worldwide
126,000,000 Children in forced labor.

One of the ways ITeams has brought people together to help has been the production and promotion of a new CD.



Songs for the Oppressed is a musical experience from independent artists and worship leaders working collaboratively to fuel a movement that creates awareness, solidarity and change for the poor, the slave and the blind around the world. This is more than a stellar collection of new music—it’s a way to actively make a lasting difference in a broken world. The artists on this CD donated their songs for the purpose of bringing awareness of the plight of the oppressed in our world. Dann was on the team that selected the songs, produced the CD, and set up a new website, www.songsfortheoppressed.org for promotion and distribution. When you partner with us by buying and helping promote & sell **Songs for the Oppressed** with our unique Partner Code: US0442, you not only help others become aware of oppression – from trafficked women in Asia to refugees in Athens to orphans in Uganda – you’ll be raising funds for them AND us at the same time!

Check it out!

Dann is in his 27th year volunteering with Awana and also provides technical help at our local church where needed. His ministry at ITeams has developed in several directions reflected in the following partial summary:

- Served on two leadership teams during part of 2011
- Helped with the training of new staff in finance and development departments
- Virtualized ITeams’ servers
- Continued development of internal website that provides information for ITeams workers
- Trained his assistant in the workings of systems such as email, web applications, and integration of financial, worker, and donor systems (among others) that he has set up over the years
- Helped develop the following websites
 - * www.songsfortheoppressed.org (Info about CDs)
 - * endslaverybringchange.org (End Slavery Info)
 - * www.iteams.us/songs (Store for CDs)
 - * www.iteams.us (Public website)
 - * profile.iteams.us (Donor profile website)

Nancy continues to be involved in prayer shawl ministry and women’s Bible study leadership team at church, currently studying James through Beth Moore. Her five year term on the diaconate ended in December, but she is still serving on the board of the Evangelical Child and Family Agency a challenging year especially due to the impact of Illinois’ civil union laws on faith-based agencies.

Prayer Requests:

Wisdom in dealing with:

- Finances as we are behind on our monthly support
- Parenting teenagers and young adults
- Various minor health challenges

Thank you for your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and loving support. You enrich our lives, ministry and work as we trust in God’s provision.

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