



Family Essentials

Family Coaching & Pastoral Counseling

Building strong loving families and churches!

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Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year!**

Laurie and I want to say **“Merry Christmas”** to you!



You have been such a blessing to us in so many ways. Our lives have been touched by your generosity, prayers and words of encouragement. 2020 has been such a different year and starting a new ministry as a missionary is crazy! But God has a plan

and a purpose for us to accomplish His Will.

Because of you, we have touched mothers, fathers, pastors in the US, and hundreds in foreign lands!

The reason for the season is Jesus Christ!

His gift through the Father is eternal life. Our gift to you is continue to be His servant in reaching the lost, discipling them to follow Jesus and to become strong loving families and churches.

- Richard/Laurie Godsil

Family Update



Laurie, Patches and I are looking forward to December especially Christmas. We were able to visit with our daughter Beka for a couple of days this past week. Our oldest son Bill and his family will be here during Christmas vacation along with our son Josh and his family. We'll be celebrating with all of our

grandchildren on Christmas Day!

Making a Difference



Robert is a father who is going through a divorce and a child custody case.

I recently met with him in a small coffee shop to discuss how I am going to handle “supervised

visitation” between him and his children who he hasn’t seen in over a year.

We talked about his desire to see his children again after a year apart.

I had to share that his children have not had him in their lives for over 12 months and that he left them during a terrible time in their lives.

We talked about how he made plenty of mistakes which hurt them and his marriage. He wants to be there for them but knows he needs to take it slow, to rebuild a relationship between them.

As I talked about being a “father”, he began to cry. He apologized and was a little embarrassed for shedding tears. I assured him that is part of the healing and renewal that he needs to have in order to grow as a father and as a real man.

I mentioned that it will take time to renew his relationship with his children but I will be there to help coach him to be the father he wants to become and what they need for him to be.

As we finished up our session, a song came over the speakers. *“On a hill far away, stood an old wooden cross. The emblem of suffering and shame. And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.....”*

Pray for Robert and his children as they begin a journey of redemption and relationship building.

Name/picture not the real person to protect the client.

2020 in Review

As we prepare for the ending of this weird year of 2020. I'm more convinced than ever that God calls His people to change the world through ministries that serve the families, pastors and churches, We at GCA Family Essentials, together with all our partners, is answering this call.

One of the central themes of Scripture is to "go and make disciples of all nations." The brilliance of Jesus' words is found in the fact that this call is manifested in so many ways – some serve in local churches, others fight poverty, hunger, or injustice, and still others do the more unconventional, such as pastoral counseling, family coaching and leadership development.

For us, we obeyed the call by serving the spiritual and emotional needs of families, individuals, pastors and churches. As we work to respond to these urgent needs, we rely on God's provision and your generosity. We are grateful for beginning this year in which we have been able to do so much on behalf of the precious people that we serve.

Our overall support is at 26 percent, thanks to you and our other partners that equip us to provide a full range of services to help transform lives for the Kingdom.

These past six months we:

- ◆ Worked with the Great Commission Alliance Team in South Asia and Africa. Richard taught 400+ pastors and ministry leaders in leadership, disciple making and basic counseling skills
- ◆ Through these seminars, the participants were sent out into the community to do evangelism, over 300 people accepted Christ!
- ◆ Counseled 5 families who have had traumatic or depressed situations in three U.S. states
- ◆ Coached four pastors dealing with job situations, leadership training and relocation anxiety

Jesus often ministered in places where others were reluctant to go, serving and ministering often to the rejected and overlooked. We've found He is still in these places today!.

The stories we share in our newsletters are a reminder that these will be recorded in heaven, another testimony of the full and abundant grace of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for partnering with us in offering hope, comfort, and healing.

Richard & Laurie

Financial Highlights for 2020

We strive to be financially accountable to our donors and the communities we serve. All of our finances are handled with complete integrity through the 501c3 organization.

2020—2021 Budget Needs

(July 2020 - June 2021)

Cost of Living Expense	\$50,000.00
Travel Expense	\$25,000.00
Outreach/Marketing	\$12,000.00
Equipment Expense	\$ 5,000.00
Administrative Expense	\$ 4,000.00
Fund-Raising Support Expense	\$ 6,000.00
Total:	\$102,000.00

Revenue Sources 2020

Individual Donations	\$16,140.00
Church Monthly Support*	\$ 0.00
One Time Donation	\$ 9,000.00
Other Income	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$26,315.00

*There are 4 churches praying to support us

If you would like to give an end-of-the-year gift the website address is in the footnote.

Our Goals for 2021

Our vision to help families, pastors and churches is stronger than ever. Making a Kingdom impact is something we can do with Great Commission Alliance and Family Essentials.

Our Great Commission Alliance Goal

Is to impact 5,000 pastors and leaders in South Asia and Africa to be transformational leaders in their families, churches, and communities by December 2021

This can be accomplished as we continue to train pastors and leaders to train other pastors and leaders. This is part of our overall vision to train disciples to make disciples.

Our Family Essentials Goal

Is to plan for 30 hours per month for pastoral counseling, family coaching and training leaders to use Family Essentials programs to benefit their churches, families and communities.