

Praise & Prayer

from

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*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to those on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14

It's hard to believe it's December already. This year has gone by fast, and yet so many good things happened that it's kind of hard to remember them all. We always like to take time at Thanksgiving and the weeks following to reflect on the past year and give God thanks for all that He has done for us. So as we sit back and watch the snow fly out the window, wrap our hands around a cup of hot tea, and thank God for the things He's done for us, we'd like to share some of them with you.

We're thankful for the opportunities and HIS provision so we could be present for the birth of our third granddaughter. It was also great to check in on and see Gina's dad this summer and Mark's mom for Thanksgiving. While there we also celebrated her 85th birthday. It was a huge blessing to have all of our kids there with their children. There was more than 50 of our Morris clan there!

We're so thankful for the LORD's healing power. We've been praying for years for Mark's hearing. Our son mentioned a podcast he was listening to about the benefits of drinking tea made with certain tree leaves, one of which was the mulberry tree leaf. The best time to harvest them is after a frost. We "just happen" to have two mulberry trees here on the property, AND we had just had a frost, so we decided to give it a try. We picked a few leaves and made a tea. Shortly after drinking this mostly flavorless tea, Mark noticed he was hearing things he hasn't heard in a while, like the dishwasher running and the clock ticking. He didn't think much about it, but when he went in to get his shower, he noticed he could hear water dripping in the tub. All this from just drinking one cup of tea made with a few leaves! The next day we picked as many leaves as we could reach and dried them so we'd have them through the winter. It's been several weeks now, and he hasn't had to wear his hearing aids! We're SO grateful for God granting this miracle and for being able to hear again, especially the grandkids' laughter!

We're thankful for the timing of Mark's hearing being restored! Just before Thanksgiving, Mark was called out on several difficult calls, one of which was for a man who took his life. He was able to hear the family and help them with their questions and to look to the LORD in their time of deep grief. Another call was for a man who beat his nephew to death. This call was really hard on the first responders, and Mark was able to be there for them to talk through things. His last bad call the week before Thanksgiving was for a little girl left out in the woods after her mom went on a drinking spree and decided to leave her out there to die because she looked too much like her father. As sad and horrifying as these calls were, we're thankful God gave Mark the opportunity to be there, pray with them and direct them to a good church and a relationship with Christ. **Please pray for these families through the holiday season and beyond as they take steps to grieve and heal.**

We're grateful for the opportunities God has given us to meet with our small groups and Bible study as well as with the work teams. We're so grateful for the way HE's used us to be HIS hands and feet and worked through us this year. We look forward to seeing all HE will do in us and through us in 2026!

We are thankful for all you do to make our ministry possible! May God bless you and your family this Christmas season and may you feel His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Serving THE KING together,

Mark & Gina Morris

Merry Christmas from the Morris family!

