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Greeting Family and Friends,

As Suzan and I reflect back on this year and all the ministry opportunities that God provided for us we are greatly humbled. We feel doubly blessed because in the midst of our busy ministry schedule, God has provided the time to enjoy our families. Together we have twelve grandchildren and we have had the opportunity this year to be involved with each of them. We were able to attend the High School graduation ceremony of Suzan's oldest granddaughter in May and spend time with her newest granddaughter born in April. I have attended my 6 year old granddaughters dance recitals, my 10 year old grandson's karate classes and my oldest grandson's Christmas band concert. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Eph.3:20

This Christmas and all through our long lives ahead may we all remember that God is not interested in how much we can do to show or prove to Him how much we love Him but rather He is more interested in us (His creation) to learn and walk in the revelation knowledge of how much He loves us...unconditionally!

May you ALL enjoy God's Blessings in this Christmas season and throughout all the New Year !

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

God Bless you!

Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan

**Make it your New Year's Resolution to:
Stop: Before you Continue!**

At this time of year, people reflect back over the past year and ponder the things that they would like to change. They make New Years resolutions that will make the coming year a better year than the

last one. Many resolutions coming from Christians are directed toward improving their walk and relationship with God. By the end of January most people have abandoned those resolutions

and it looks like the new year will be a repeat of the last one.

Resolutions fail because they are based on the power of the will to effect change. Will power alone is a failure formula.

Romans 7:18 *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

Do you feel insecure and unloved?

Do you find yourself easily becoming offended? Are you unable to change the things that frustrate you? Are you disappointed in your ability to positively respond to the circumstances that seem to surround your life? This is an indication that it is time for you to STOP!

John 15:9 *As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*

Our understanding of how much God loves us and how secure we are in that love will affect everything that we do. It will affect how we respond to circumstances, how we respond to people and how we relate to God.

Genesis says that God created everything to bring forth after its kind. If we try to continue our Christian walk with unresolved issues and feelings of insecurity, we will continue to feel frustrated and we will present a mutated version of God's love to the world. The number one problem people in today's world have is understanding how much God loves them and it is no wonder! The insecurity issue is not solved by muster-

ing up our will and trying harder. I myself ran on that treadmill for years and one frustrating year turned into another and another. Everything we have need of comes from God. 2

Peter 1:3 In our own insecure moments we need to STOP, and boldly run to the Father! "Holy Spirit, I have this issue in my heart that I don't know how to change. I have lost sight of how much you love me and I am frustrated. You said that you supply everything that I have need of and I am looking to you to address the issues in my heart that are negatively affecting me. Reassure me of you your love for me so that I can continue in your love. Mickey and I have both faced issues that required us to completely STOP and place everything on hold and just receive from God. It took some time, but it was well worth it. Sometimes we have to completely stop and other times the STOP only takes an instant as we shift our focus from our ability to handle the circumstance of the moment back to power of God that enables us to overcome all things.

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

When those challenging and frustrating moments come in 2015, make it your resolution to STOP before you continue!

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