

PUT JOY BACK IN BIBLE STUDY!

# PictureThis! Prayerline

With each issue of the newsletter, we try to share the exciting, sometimes overwhelming good news of this ministry- and it is getting better all the time! Reports of changed lives, doing a record number of conventions, new links with other ministries, new products, more incredible representatives, and in November- our biggest outreach ever. But it is extremely important that we give honor to Whom honor is due. Without God's work through the Holy Spirit, The Picture-Smart Bible is nothing but a few words and sketches.

The Picture-Smart Bible is fun, effective and memorable; but the "key" to our "success" is the Holy Spirit. Although the Holy Spirit honors the Father and the Son, we must honor Him. We are planning two more "Learning the Word for Life" books- one about Jesus, our Friend and the other is about the Holy Spirit, our Helper. One may ask, "How can you write a book or draw pictures that adequately tell us about God?" We can't. Our hope is we can "start something"- a quest in your life to know Him. Consider these few points about the Holy Spirit:



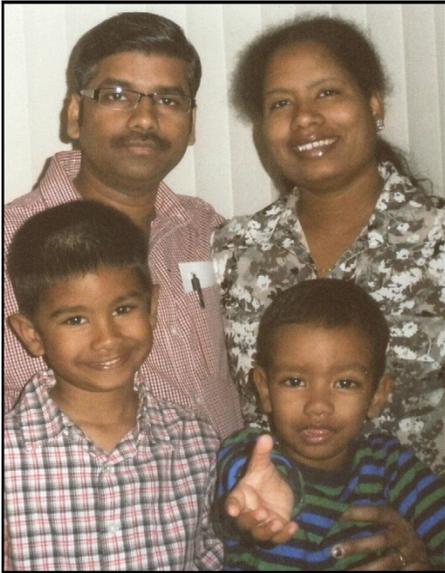
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## HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

1. **This is the Holy Spirit's season of ministry.** When Jesus was about to depart His earthly life, most of His "last words" are recorded in John chapters 12 through 17. He makes it clear, "I am leaving, but I am sending the Holy Spirit to be with you and in you."
2. **He "deposits" the seed.** Mary became pregnant with Jesus Christ when the Holy Spirit came on her. Jesus told Nicodemus that we too, become pregnant when the Holy Spirit comes on us- we are born again- not of the flesh but of the Spirit.
3. **The Holy Spirit is our Helper- in so many ways.** It would take volumes to cover His ministry. He reminds us of Jesus's words (at just the right time), He comforts and counsels us (just when we need it). He gives us new songs, guides us to know the heart of God in prayer, and helps us to worship.
4. **He gives life- constantly.** What assurance: "He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies

through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Rom 8:11)

5. **He gives power to witness.** The apostles were told to return to Jerusalem and wait for power- the power to witness. We need (and I pray constantly for) that same power to share the Good News!
6. **Brings order out of chaos.** We see the Holy Spirit "hovering over the face of the waters" in the beginning. Many Bible students feel that the Holy Spirit brought the order as God spoke the Word. If we allow Him to, He will bring order to our chaotic lives- everyday.
7. **Chaos out of order.** Trust Him- if you are honestly wanting to follow God, the Holy Spirit will not allow you or your church to fall into complacency. Even Jesus said, "I did not come to bring peace." My opinion: in every (active) Christian's life, there is at least one crisis virtually all the time. Keep your eyes on Jesus and give honor to Whom honor is due.



## MEET THE FAMILY

Pictured: Abhijit, Madhumita, Ishi & Jesse.

Abhijit Nayak, our beloved brother from India, just returned from his home land. He was a VERY busy man. His report:

1. Meetings with key pastors. The reception has been extremely encouraging: "We want The Picture-Smart Bible. We have nothing like this for our children".

Abhijit looked at many possible seminar locations; rooms which will accommodate 80 people, sound equipment/projection etc.

2. Building Development. Abhijit and his friends celebrated an exciting ground-breaking event! Plans have been drawn, building materials delivered and land plots established for the new building in which PictureThis will share an office and storage.

3. The Picture-Smart Bible printing. Abhijit met with the printers, reviewed their facility, and purchased paper. Production will begin in a few weeks.

4. Seminar Coordinators. Several men have applied for a position to help coordinate the seminars, shipments and subsequent TPSB sales. Abhijit and his wife Meeta, will be helping in the actual seminars.

5. Personal Notes: Our brother will be completing his doctorate at the end of this year and will then be looking for an organization from which to continue his ministry in India. He really needs your prayers- for a position and for safety.

6. Finances- My total costs- which include the round trip to India, all travel expenses within the states, our part of the coordinator's salary, paper, printing and shipping for Phase I, are approximately \$10,000. Invoices are starting to come in.

7. Your incredible response. We now have about half the total needed. This we believe, is God's "green light"- He has spoken to you and you have responded generously. Our prayer is that all of our friends would travel with us in spirit. All gifts to PictureThis are tax deductible. Our address is on the mast head.

## MEET KIMBERLY

It is not our custom to picture the author of a testimony, but this one is different. Kim not only wrote the following testimony, she is our new Northern California rep. She has caught the picture. Read on.



"The PictureThis! study has been some of the very best time we have spent learning together as a family. As a teacher, I'm constantly looking for tools that integrate creative approaches to different learning styles and ages. I was immediately impressed with the depth of the curriculum (a complete Bible survey) paired with creative drawing that absolutely anyone can enjoy doing. The pictures really helped the facts "stick!" It captured the attention of us all. Each child had their own notebook and colored pencil set and we were off and running! At first, I planned to spend the first half hour of our school day in Bible study (now an hour and a half!) My children literally begged for more! It was a delight to have them absorbing and retaining God's Word and then finding ways to apply it to their lives.

Fourteen months later, we had completed the entire Bible! Each child has their own binder, each page and is colorfully drawn. They excitedly showed it to friends and relatives. I so enjoyed overhearing them recall favorite passages with clarity. We are delighted that our children have had a complete Bible education ...and we're about to do the entire program again!

One of the best things about PictureThis! is the way Jesus Christ is glorified throughout the Old and New Testaments. The lessons point to Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy and He is clearly seen throughout. The salvation message is woven all the way through Scripture and this program makes that clear.

My all-time favorite part of using PictureThis! is the time we have spent together as a family meditating on God's Word, hiding it in our hearts. God entrusted us with His children, to share our faith with them, and PictureThis! helps us to do that well."

Sincerely Yours, Kimberly MacFarlane

## MAY-JUNE CONVENTIONS

*As you can quickly see, we have an incredibly busy month. Juanene and I continually thank God for our very competent reps, and for your prayers. Please post this & "track" with us. Thanks*

5/3-5- OCHEC, Oklahoma- Rebecca Cox  
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 5/11-12- H & Home, Texas- Rebecca, Cox  
 5/17-18- FEAST, Texas- Rebecca Cox  
 5/24-26- FPEA, Florida- Terri Ulrich  
 5/24-26- GHC-CA, California- Dan Peters

5/31-6/2- LEAH, New York- Dan Peters  
 6/7-9- ICHE, Illinois- Michele Shaver  
 6/7-9- NICHE, Iowa- Dan Peters  
 6/15-16- WHO, Wash.- Becki Rutledge  
 6/21-23- CHEACT, Texas- Rebecca Cox  
 6/21-23- OCEAN, Oregon- Dan Peters