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**2020 An Interesting Year To Remember the GOOD
- as we wish you a Merry Christmas!**

Merry Christmas!

We hope you still have a happy smile on your face like this adorable snowman! The Bible says that “the joy of the Lord is our strength”! We are so glad that because we know Jesus. No matter what happens in life, we can remain stable and secure. We can also rise above our circumstances and live in peace which is not based upon what is going on around us. That peace comes

from within us – a supernatural peace – coming out of our Spirit Man because we know and understand how much we are loved by Father God, Jesus His son and the Holy Spirit.

So, did the world's affairs rob your peace this year? When the negative reports came, whether from the TV news, a disturbing Dr. report, or a peer coming against your opinions, convictions or beliefs did you get into fear, hopelessness, anger and defeat? Or could you discern that when you were being shaken, you could run to the Word which is the only place of truth, security and peace?



Yes, our marriage ministry and family was hit with some negative challenges this year – like when our daughter-in-law was diagnosed with cancer, when our month long ministry trip to Europe was cancelled, and when friends we knew were battling Covid-19. But we still got to travel to Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Branson and Estes Park to minister to hundreds of couples through personal counseling, zoom meetings and retreats. We were also able to continue holding several different weekend local seminars in the Colorado Springs area.



We are part of a group of missionaries that meets for an annual conference during the month of November in KS. The theme of this year's conference was based around the word “Respond”. We were all asked to share a testimony about how did we respond to Covid-19 and the lock down regulations, along with how people responded to our own various ministries. The ironic thing that happened (in the end) was that the missions conference had to be completely cancelled because of Covid-19! However, even without the missionaries being able to share their stories with the church congregation, that church raised around \$150,000 in the Thanksgiving offering for missions! God supplies all of our needs!

We have learned in the past 38 years of ministry along with scheduling seminars and retreats that the Word of God is always true. The Bible says that man makes his plans, but God directs his steps. As we listen to the lessons that the Holy Spirit (who is the Spirit of Truth) is trying to teach us during the times that “our plans” change, we can gain so much revelation knowledge. We can experience so much joy and peace in life as



we learn to surrender to God's plan - His wisdom and His love. He has a plan for good – not evil!

2020 has indeed been “interesting”, but looking at it from a spiritual perspective, we have seen that nothing that the enemy sets up against us has the power to steal our inner joy – as long as we stay focused on the promises in the Word of God. The Bible is our source of truth and each time we have heard negative reports, we were more determined to declare the Bible promises. We are more than conquerors. We are healed and whole because of the stripes of Jesus and His death on the cross. We are overcomers. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings. We are delivered from the power of darkness. Jesus meets all of our needs. We are not moved by what we see. We are daily overcoming the devil. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind!



Yes, we've had to cancel some meetings, but each time there was a change in the schedule – the results came back with positive testimonies. We received financial blessings and personal times of refreshing. We discovered new ideas of better avenues

and ways to minister through ZOOM and internet connections. We actually ended up with more and different ministry opportunities than usual – we were not robbed in anyway. The Bible says what the enemy creates for evil, God always brings good out of it.

We want to encourage each of you to not respond in anger, bitterness, hopelessness or fear, but respond with the promises of the Word of God. Read them daily, speak them to your friends and family, pray them, confess them to increase your own faith, and declare them to defeat the lies and deceptions of the enemy. Now is the time to stand strong – not to shrink back in fear. If you are not aware of His good promises, we encourage you to get a Bible out and read it. It is the one thing that can be trusted during these times. Renew your relationship with Jesus. He is the answer to every problem that we have in this life. December is the month that we remember to celebrate His birth and why He came to this world – to live, show us the love of God (our Father), and to die for our wicked ways.

Even though our governor has shut down many activities again, our December has still been such a blessing. Our niece, Amy, came from Maryland to spend a wonderful week with us. We are still entertaining with several different Christmas parties, home group dinners, and our ministry board Christmas meeting. We will also be visiting with both of our sons and their families between Christmas and New Year's. Don't let fear keep you from living life!

Jesus died so through Him we could receive salvation. The definition of the word salvation is not just being saved from our sin, but it also includes healing, deliverance, provision and protection.

May this be the best Christmas season ever - full of victory and reflecting on the goodness of God. SMILE! (Salvation Means I Live Eternally!)
That is good news!!



Keep Climbing,
Roger & Laureen Traver
Mountain Top Marriages

Let's Go Cruising Together!



Mountain Top Marriages is sponsoring a 7-day North Bound Alaskan Inside Passage/Glacier Cruise in 2021 on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. It leaves from Vancouver, BC on Aug. 27 and arrives in Seward, AK on Sept. 3 – which just happens to be our 55th wedding anniversary!

If you would like to join us, call the Groups Registration Department for more info at 800-465-3595 ext. 13440. Tell them you want to join the Mountain Top Marriages group with Roger & Laureen Traver. You must provide our group #2129411. For every 8 couples that sign up, the ministry gets one free cruise so we greatly appreciate your support. They will tell you the current price depending on the type of room you want. We will have daily devotions and activities while on the ship if you want to join us. Families can register with our group and do your own thing if you would prefer. We would love to have you join us!! [Cruise Event](#)

