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Dear Friends and Family,

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2013—A YEAR OF CHANGE

Well, 2012 was an amazing year for Nathan and I on the United States mission field. There was lots of excitement for us! Seeing the Lord at work wherever we go, with great anticipation of experiencing the greater works Jesus talked about in John 14:12.

> 12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

We must remain persistent. We must know who we are in Christ Jesus, and keep moving forward. Faith is the answer! We must continue to believe in the One in whom we love, and trust in, The One who died for us, and finished it ALL for us on the cross.

This new year is full of excitement! The number thirteen means, "change." There is a saying,

"Quit doing the same thing and expecting different results." We're all ready for something new to take place in our lives. Walking out our destinies with purpose and conviction. Making a difference in this life, and not just existing.

The parable of the talents in Matthew chapter 25 is a great lesson. It's also full of conviction too. Every person will come before the Lord to give an account of what we've done with the talents, gifts, and life He has given us. "Well done, good and faithful servant," is what we all want to hear. If we live with conviction, we will live a life of fullness. I'm not talking of condemnation, nor of uncertainty, but of sureness. Knowing deep down in your heart that you really are doing the right thing.

So, what does that look like for us in day-today life? It's a matter of checking in with the Lord at all times. Opening every area of our lives to the Lord. Everything we do should involve the Lord.

God should be apart of all of our lives, working and active in every area. Not just Sunday Christians. If we open it all up to the Lord, there's no sneaky sneakies anymore, no darkness! Why? Because we allow His light to shine on us, and light expels all darkness.

The Bible says in Matthew 5:14-16—

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand,

> and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in

heaven."

May you all be encouraged to live a life worthy of your calling! May we speak forth the things that are not as though they are... (See Romans 4:17.)

And God bless us, everyone!

