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Thank you to all of you who are part of our ministry support team! My family and I wish you a blessed Year End, and of course, a blessed New Year! May our Lord Jesus Christ be the focal point of both in every way. The following is just a brief end-of-the-year personal update, to share that, away from the Internet and my research and writing, my life here on the Central Coast is full of activity. I am engaged in numerous ways with personal outreach in our local community, outside of my day-to-day SRN office tasks. Each week presents itself with new opportunities and the past few months have been wonderful. The following is just a bit about my personal life and what I do - *when I can and when my back allows me too*. Surfing and personal outreach/evangelism is what I love to do and I thrive on it. It keeps me active, I experience great joy in it, and the Lord is opening more and more doors for me to share with people, both in and out of the water.

REGAINING STRENGTH

As many of you know, I had a severe back injury a few years ago when I was working my landscape/fire safety business. That business is long gone and it has taken a few years to get back on my feet physically. I still suffer at times, both physically and financially, but at least I can surf and workout and remain active with our kids and local friends. We are moving forward in life and ministry, ever looking upward unto the Lord for His guidance and day-to-day provision. I am deeply grateful that I can once again surf and workout consistently. In the midst of my slow recovery I have

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made many new friends, and like my right-shoulder (rebuilt) rehabilitation program in 1991, which included swimming and surfing, part of my current "doctor's prescription" is to swim and surf.

RECOVERING WITHOUT YOGA, REIKI, ETC.

Although many people have suggested that I do Yoga in order to recover faster, I refuse to. In fact, one of my primary recovery goals has been to avoid New Age practices such as Yoga, Reiki,

Therapeutic Touch (massage), TaiChi, and a vast array of other "energy" related occult practices. I am fully committed to *proving* that I don't need these things, that we as a family don't need them, and that in fact, no one needs them! Why? Because I can categorically prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that these methods can be, and often times are, extremely dangerous. Westernized forms of Eastern occult philosophy and practice need to be

exposed and biblically (and medically) refuted for what they are, not engaged in as health alternatives and "Christianized" worship practices. For those interested, I have provided an extensive listing on my SRN website called "Potentially Harmful and Dangerous Spiritual Practices." In this list I provide an explanation as to why these and many other occult related practices are dangerous.

BIBLE STUDY, SURFING AND LOCAL OUTREACH

At present I host small Bible studies for those interested locally here. If teenagers want to come they are more than welcome to. We are informal and we answer as many questions as possible, both from the Bible, as well as whatever other topics are discussed. In January we are reconvening our studies.



(Above) A recently snapped board from my "lending library." (Right) Chris with son. (Below) Chris on the notorious "Foamie."



Local surfer with his sons watching "Z..." during a recent Winter swell.



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REQUEST FOR HELP

SRN Ministry: We are consistently in need of funding for SRN office rent, website costs, research materials, and other basic overhead costs.

Local Ministry: Please pray for our Bible studies, for our personal and ministry finances, and for wisdom in moving forward in 2014. My wife and I are both now having to work outside of "ministry."



Summer swell in the Fall???



Young surfers raiding our refrigerator



Sunset surf session with the kids!



Our other "lending library"



"Dawn Patrol" before school!

