“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

- Jesus, John 4:13b-14
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 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.
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.”

SURFING / STUDIES:
Please pray for safety for the kids, finances to purchase two foam boards (total $200.00) and two wetsuits (total $350.00), and that the kids would be sincerely interested in an offered Bible study that can meet their spiritual needs.

Special Prayer Request:
Please pray for Matt. He is a visiting surfer who I reached out to and was able to encourage, pray with, and provide Warren Smith books to. Matt is looking for a new home to relocate to.

REMINDER:
NEW BOOKLET TRACT
A Directory of Authors
(Three NOT Recommended Lists)
by Chris Lawson.
Published by Lighthouse Trails
www.lighthousetrails.com

FOR CONSIDERATION:
Our SRN ministry has existed for nine years now and it has been primarily one of helping hurting people “behind the scenes.” Recently we have lost ministry support due to the publication of my two “religiously incorrect” booklets. If you have benefited from our ministry, please do consider making a tax-deductible donation through our missions facilitator (World In Need) or through our research website, Spiritual-Research-Network.com.

Thank you for your kind support and prayers, they are sincerely appreciated!
- Chris Lawson

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