



Gribbin's Grapevine

Thanksgiving 2009

*"O give thanks unto the LORD,
for he is good;
for his mercy endureth for ever."*

1 Chronicles 16:34

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we often say, there's so much for which we have to be thankful. Yet if I had to reduce the list to one thing, it would be for his mercy. Do we ever think of what would become of us if God gave us what we truly deserve? No commentary; you fill in the rest. My heart says, Thank you, Lord, for your tender mercy to this undeserving sinner.

Over here, in France, Thanksgiving 2009 will be celebrated simply with good friends, a missionary couple retiring to the States after twenty-eight years of serving in a difficult context in a city down the coast.

Our Thanksgiving List

Better than any wish list is one where God gives you things you may (or may not) have prayed about and things you never thought to wish for. Our good friends, who have lived through difficult times in 2009, often were the first to say, "God is good, all the time." Well, we can say that too, with no hesitation. Here are a few good things and blessings received since last Thanksgiving:

- * God's provision on our one-year furlough beyond anything we could have imagined.
- * Maybe best of all was to see our son, Joey (25), come to faith in Christ.

- * Joy and I count it a huge blessing to know that our children know, love, and serve the Lord.



Joy and John

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- * Though the Lord took Joy's dad home to be with Him, he experienced death without long and drawn out suffering.

- * The Lord brought along the (used) car we kind of wished for at a good price. Another of God's servants helped with a generous gift.

- * Little by little, fruit is being gathered in places we did not expect--in our baker's life, and maybe with a former Muslim who now serves Christ in another city down the coast. This is a picture of the baker, *Jean-Francois*. He's growing in the Word - pray for Him!



Thank you for praying for us!
May your Thanksgiving be full of thanks for God's blessings!



John & Joey

Toulon, France