

Special Edition

With just 66 days left until our triennial Following Christ 2008 (FC08) conference this December, you won't be surprised to hear that I've been a busy bee. The enclosed twelve-page brochure, which is one piece in our broad get-the-word-out effort, will give you a pretty good idea of the complexity of the project I'm directing, and the caliber of the colleagues and collaborators I've got.

So I pass along the brochure, first, to help explain what I'm up to and to you understand to what end your prayers and donations are going — but also because, for many of you, *this is a conference for you*. If you have passed through (or are currently in) any kind of graduate education, FC08 is your kind of conference. I hope you'll consider attending yourself. But whether you're there or not, please know how precious your partnership is to me!

In the meantime, if you'll permit me to skip a "regular" newsletter just this once, that big brochure can stand in this time, since it paints a pretty complete picture of what I've been doing this year.

Financial Update

Thanks for your generous donations in the spring, which came just at the right time and helped me almost precisely meet my budgeted funding requirements. Your contributions **directly enable** the present (and future) of my ministry! Please let me know if you need any information, a conversation, or a visit as you consider your year-end giving.

Site Seeing

More websites, what's a person to do?

- ◆ If you're a homeowner, you might find this too depressing these days, but **zillow.com** generates estimates about the price of your (or anyone's) house. Don't miss the charts showing change over time.
- ◆ **Libraryelf.com** tracks what books you have checked out, and you can even get email alerts about when they're due! Depending on where you live, it'll even sync with live data from your library.

Boyd's Eye View

Our girls — Lucy, now 2½, and Rosie, 7 months — are flourishing, with new words, experiences, skills, and teeth! (Well, at least Rosie has new teeth.) We're delighted with **these little dynamos** and all the energy they bring to our household.



Caught on Video

One of the new things we've been trying in connection with FC08 is a running series of homemade, behind-the-scenes "Director's Videos" which I've been producing every other week ever since the summer. Eight of them are out, and (if I do say so myself) they must be seen to be believed. Pictured

here are some of my favorite moments, but visit **fco8.info/thevideos** to see them in motion.



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Prayer Requests

Please pray with me:

- ◆ For 1,500 delegates to register for the FC08 conference
- ◆ For the 120+ speakers and leaders at FC08 as they prepare and work onsite
- ◆ For health, safety, and rest for me and family in this off-the-charts busy season

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