

Maiorano Minutes End of Year - 2022



## Year End Summary

There has been a lot going on this year and time has slipped away. Now here we are entering into 2023.

In our first quarter letter, we shared the devastation to the land due to a 16-year drought. Our weather has been crazy with high wind speeds and gusts that rival a hurricane, dust storms, water shortages, and devastating fires leading to low air quality throughout the southwest. God has certainly been getting people's attention. Since then, we have been blessed with rain and snow. Some reservoirs are filling up, there is some snow pack in the mountains, and the land is beginning to be replenished. It's a start for which we truly praise God!

We enjoyed our yearly Messianic Passover Seder which brings Old and New Testament together as we see how Jesus fulfilled the Law (the Old Covenant) by inaugurating a new and better covenant, made on better promises — a new covenant that was made with His blood as He and our sin debt were nailed to the cross. But it didn't end there. We remembered the purpose of His death, and celebrated His life — His resurrection. God raised Him from the dead, and we, who put our faith and trust in Him alone, can walk in newness of life. Our sin debt has been paid, Christ's righteousness has been applied to our account, and we now have new life in Him. That is reason to celebrate!

We continue our in-depth, inductive, chronological study of the Bible on Sunday mornings. The study on Leviticus was empowering! And now we are nearing the end of Numbers which is a fascinating book. On Monday evenings we covered James, Colossians, and I & II Thessalonians. On January 16th, we begin a study on the book of Judges very applicable to our life and society of today. These lessons have been posted to our website for anyone who may be interested.

We continue to help schools in the area. I have done a couple of chapels for one school and continue to teach science for another. I also continue to tutor those who need help in any area of study.

Jim has kept busy helping Jimmy with his campaign as well as his ministry of encouragement through email, text, letters, and meetings. Someone once said that according to statistics it takes 100 hours of ground work to keep a plane in the air for just one hour. Jim is the ground crew that keeps everything running and working, so we can continue to minister to those God has placed in our path. We continue to counsel people with both spiritual and physical needs. Every interaction is another open door to share God's love with others. We meet with Kevin every month and talk about ministry challenges. He has had quite the year. We continue to pray for strength and wisdom as he ministers for the Lord in Naschitti, and wisdom to know how God wants us to support and encourage him.

### **Family News**

Our youngest son, Jeremy, was married on July 26 of this year. His wife, Sarah, was raised in the Albuquerque area. Their new blended family consists of Jeremy's three - Hailey (6), twins Kason and Collin (4), and Sarah's daughter, Brynlee (8). We try to get out to see them once a month. We had a great time with them at the Christmas display called the River of Lights at the Albuquerque Zoo and Botanical Gardens.

Jimmy won his bid for Sheriff in November by a landslide. Since the election he has been very busy preparing for his new position. He had a big day on January 1st. He turned 41, he retired from his position in the Sheriff's Department after 22 years, and he began his new position as Sheriff of McKinley County.

We are both recovering from a nasty bout with Covid. We had it January 2020 and got it again in November. It had us both down for several weeks. I am still trying to recover from it. I have some good days and some bad. Thankfully we have made it to the point of having more good than bad.

There are many irons in the fire for the upcoming year. Only God knows what direction He will be taking us. We pray that we are open to His leading and faithful to His calling. We believe that this coming year will be filled with challenges as we live in an increasingly hostile world. We see the fear and worry in those who surround us. John MacArthur shared how we are to live in this world of turmoil in a message called "Living in a Perverse World" which can be watched on YouTube. We highly recommend it! He said, "Humble yourself, live a holy life (being obedient to His Word), and don't complain." . . . Our God has complete control. I think one of the definitive things we can say to people is, 'It is exactly the world the way the Bible describes it under judgment.'"

May we be bold about proclaiming why the world is in the state that it is in. May we be bold about proclaiming the judgment that has come and what is still to come. May 2023 be a time of holding fast to God's truth and proclaiming His plan of salvation to all who will listen!

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#### God's Answers to Prayer

- Our continued healing after weeks of being ill.
- Jimmy's win in the election. There were many that were there to help and support him during his campaign.
- For the good classes that we have had as we have studied the Bible and have a solid foundation to build upon
- For the work and ministry that Kevin has with the White Water Community Church.
- Safe travels and visits with my sister and mother as well as Jim's family.
- Jeremy and Sarah's outdoor wedding going well even in the threats of storms. Jim's sister, Beth, and her husband, Ken, were able to come to NM for the event.



Ken and Beth - Jim's sister - to the left Kason, Collin, Brynlee, Hailey

#### <u>Please Pray For the Following ...</u>

- The Sunday Fellowship and Monday night classes
- Jimmy and Angel as he begins his job as Sheriff. For strength and wisdom in their lives and duties.
- Jeremy, Sarah, and family
- Kevin's continued ministry strength, health, and wisdom
- That God's Word continues to go out in clarity, truth, and boldness as the world seeks to quiet His voice of reason. The church needs to gird herself in truth, oppose evil, and stand firm against the schemes of Satan.
- Continued physical strength, and wisdom to do what God has called us to do.



Science - States of matter and chemistry experiments

# First time the grandchildren get to have some fun and explore at Grand $m_{Om's}$ and $p_{Op's}$ Exploring the cliffs Kason picks Collin picks green raspberries beans Hailey collects some Hailey, Brynlee, and



Dessert from the garden Brynlee, Hailey, Collin, Kason



Jimmy takes the oath of office



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**River of Lights** Brynlee, Hailey, Collin, Kason

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10