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Dear Friends...Allies...the Fellowship of the Heart near and far,

Thank you. I must start there – with our deepest, sincerest, most heartfelt *thanks*.

This has been a remarkable year. We have seen more beauty, more battle, more breakthrough this year than many people are granted to see in a lifetime. We are stunned by the work of God through this little Outpost of the Kingdom. And we are very aware of three things: That it is all gift, a gift of God's own heart; that it comes at a very high price; and that it could not possibly have been done without you. Better said, could not continue without you. For there is more.

We've seen so much – so many women and so many men restored in profound ways, their hearts unearthed like buried treasure. They've come alive, stepped into a freedom they didn't even know was possible. We've had the thrill of seeing it in their eyes, their tears, their shining countenances. We've read it in the stories you've sent us. And yet – I feel as though I should take my shoes off – God says to us, "There is more. Much more."

This coming of the Kingdom of God is picking up steam. Again, thanks to you. We hear of its advance through you, as *you* ransom hearts, heal the broken, set captives free. Our favorite stories are not the ones we tell you, but rather the tales *you* tell us. And it confirms what God has said – there is more. This has only begun.

So, we wanted to share with you some of the things unfolding here at Ransomed Heart (see the back page!). New resources, a deeper level of training, all sorts of good stuff. We're really excited about what this coming year has in store. Okay – excited might not be fully accurate. Fear and trembling, mixed with eager anticipation is more like it. And we also wanted to let you see our glad faces, for our team has grown a bit, and some time has passed since we last saw you face-to-face. Here is our family photo – sent with love and thanks for being such good friends and allies.



From your friends at Ransomed Heart – left to right that's Gary, Bryan, Morgan, PJ, Sue, me, Karen, Julie with Craig behind her, Blythe Bart and Jenny.

What's New, and Coming, from Ransomed Heart

Resources

We've a passion growing in our hearts to send more help your way, more fuel for the fire in *your* hearts. This excites us a great deal – lots more books, CDs, events and such.

Epic premiered in September. Now there's an Epic Live! CD, and a very cool website that goes with the message – www.epicreality.com. You must stop by. Better still, tell your friends to stop by – *after* you've given them the book! (So, we offer it for \$6 when you order 10 or more!). Because *Epic* is about winning new hearts for God.

We're starting a CD series called *Conversations with Ransomed Heart*, which we plan to offer six times a year. Recorded in my basement, we just turn on the tape and talk about what God is teaching us on love, warfare, raising children, beauty, or the latest film. The first CD is out now, on how to develop a conversational walk with God.

We're also developing other CD resources – a four-part series on The Four Streams (Hearing God, Receiving His Counsel, Deep Healing, and Warfare). That's ready now, too! And another is coming soon, a three-part series on The Work of Christ (The Cross, Resurrection and Ascension). You'll love these!

Stasi and I wrote a book for women – the feminine version of *Wild at Heart*. Its called *Captivating*, and it'll be out late March, with a workbook to follow.

Oh, and we are totally re-designing our website (it needs it badly, doesn't it?) and you must come by www.ransomedheart.com in January to check it out. That's where you'll find all this stuff, and more.

Events

Wild at Heart “Boot Camps” are our “level one” retreats for men. We're only doing three in 2005 – January (sold out), April and August. Make sure you check the website so as not to miss the registration windows for these!

Wild at Heart Advanced is our “level two” event for graduates of Boot Camp. We're offering one in November of 2005.

We changed the name of our women's retreat from Ransomed Femininity to Captivating (to coincide with the new book – besides, its so much easier to say!). Three Captivating retreats will take place in 2005 – February (sold out), May and September.

We are planning a Captivating Advanced for women, but we've moved that to Spring of 2006. And of course, the Wild Goose will have us do some other events that we'll let you know about as they arise. As always, check the website for registration and event details.