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The time since our last newsletter has gone by very quickly! We have been blessed in so many ways, and have met such wonderful people that it's hard to know where to begin.

Last year GR started the "Great Giveaway" campaign—having events that had no registration fee—in order to allow those who would not normally come to have an option to do so. We asked for an offering as the Lord laid on the heart which is always the best gift to receive! Overall, we fed and ministered to 105 guests and made some new friends. Please check out the website for an overview of the new giveaway events: Afternoon Tea, Round Table Brunch, and Give Your Birthday Away. This year we have added Lunch & Learning which will debut on March 16th. Again, go to the website for more info or call the above number.

To go over a few personal events, Michael and I have been studying the Torah (first five books of the Bible) and how the Torah is the foundation to all the other books in the Bible. It has opened a completely new view of the heart of God. Jesus has become even more real to us, and we are so excited about learning more. We are attending a church, Calvary Christian Fellowship Humble, that emphasizes both the Old and Renewed Testaments and how they complement each other. It has helped us a great deal to study the Torah in the original Hebrew meanings of words, and we hope to continue our studies for a long time to come.

The start of 2013 was a busy one. Normally we do not house guests or have events in January as we use that month to reflect on what direction God wants us to take in the ministry, do repairs on the property, and replace linens, etc. But this year we had two events, a men's & a woman's ministry gathering to plan for the new year. We also were blessed to have World Gospel Outreach hold their Strategy Board meeting at GR. We housed and fed six guests for six days while they used the dining room/living room for their board rooms. It's always a blessing to hear how God is working in His children's lives through dedicated people, and for us to be a small part of that is awesome!

We are looking forward to ministering to old and new friends in 2014. We have acquired new ministries who used God's Rest for their clients, and we hope to host new events, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have an idea or a need.

God's Rest has a new look! Last fall due to refinancing of our home, we were able to fulfill a dream we have had for over 20 years. Gone is the screened back porch (some of you will miss it, I'm sure!), but in its place is a new solarium that is 12x22 feet with windows overlooking the garden. There is also new siding and windows throughout the house to add to the overall new look.

We hope everyone will come and enjoy God's Rest!

The Old:



The New:

