

Pray (Colossians 4:2-4)

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- 2) Pray for 2 specific families/Individuals who do not yet know Christ, that they would experience Him in a powerful way this Christmas season. Names:
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2) _____
- 3) Pray for financial blessing and honest work for needy families and under-employed workers in GRC and in Puna.
- 4) Pray for 2 specific friends or family members outside of GRC who could be generous supporters of GRC in 2010. Names:
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- 5) Pray for God's financial provision in your life and for the increased faith to be generous and sacrificial in your giving to the work of God's kingdom.

Walk (Colossians 4:5)

- 1) Find 1 practical way that you can use your gifts and talents to partner in the mission of GRC.
Service/Ministry: _____
- 2) Be deliberate about connecting with the 2 families/individuals you have been praying for. Think of creative ways that you can demonstrate the gospel of Christ to them this Christmas season. Connection/Gospel-Demonstration:
1) _____
2) _____
- 3) Meet a practical/financial need of 2 families/individuals who are in need this Christmas season. Names/Need Met:
1) _____
2) _____
- 4) Write a short personal letter to your 2 possible supporters and send it to them with the GRC update newsletter by Dec. 10th. Date Sent: _____
- 5) Look honestly at how you spend your money and take some deliberate steps towards bringing your spending habits in line with what is truly most important and lasting in life.
Steps Taken:

Talk (Colossians 4:6)

- 1) Over the Christmas season, be deliberate in talking with people about how God has used GRC in your life.
- 2) Invite the 2 families/individuals you have been praying for to a GRC gathering or community group during the Christmas season. As God allows, share with them the difference that Christ has made in your life.
Date Invited/Shared: _____
Responses: _____
- 3) If you have a relationship with the people who you blessed in a practical/financial way, invite them to a GRC gathering or community group. As God allows, share with them the difference that Christ has made in your life.
Date Invited/Shared: _____
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- 4) Follow up by phone/e-mail to the 2 possible supporters by Dec. 20th to see if they received the letter and if they have any questions. Date Called/E-mailed: _____
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