



# Grand Vista Ministries

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Dearest Family and Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you living in the middle of God's will and enjoying His abundant provision.

We would like to thank all of you for your kind words and heartfelt prayers concerning Sal's dad Gabriel who went to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving day. This was an appropriate day because we always were, and always will be, thankful for his life and time with us. He was a wonderful husband and a great father and he will be missed. However, we can all experience the great joy in the knowledge that he is now spending eternity with a loving God. He took the "free gift," available to all, that guarantees us a beautiful room in the mansion of heaven. As we read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." If anyone in your circle of family and friends would want that same guarantee, have them visit our website and click on "Free Gift."

Speaking of websites, we are praising God that our Grand Vista Ministries website is now up and running! The site was developed by Pastor John McDonald who is one of the pastors at the First Baptist Church in Punta Gorda. He is a fellow board member on the Restoration Roads homeless teens project and a very talented web designer. We would ask all of you to visit us at [www.grandvistaministries.org](http://www.grandvistaministries.org), click on "contact us" and let us know what you think. This will also allow us to gather all of your e-mail addresses for future info, notices, and prayer requests.

The spring and summer in Sag Harbor was, as usual, quite active for us. Sal began pre-marital counseling sessions with three young couples. Two of the couples are planning a fall of 2009 wedding that Sal will officiate. The other couple, Danny and Jill Rowe, were married this past summer in Puerto Rico. Although Sal could not attend, he was able to consult with the pastor there on the details of the ceremony and everything went well. At the family party on Long Island Sal conducted a short ceremony emphasizing the importance of God's presence in all our marriages. Let's pray together that Danny and Jill received that word and that their marriage will be blessed. Christian counseling with several others on an assortment of issues continues and we ask that you pray with us for breakthroughs for those being counseled as well as Godly wisdom for Sal.

Community Bible Church elder Sam Piro and Sal held meetings to discuss the necessity of an emergency preparedness team that could help serve the east end community in the event of a natural or man made disaster. It is our feeling that whenever a disaster strikes, the local churches should play a prominent role in the spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery of all those involved. Join us in praying that CBC will continue their efforts in this matter and that God will raise up others in the church to be involved, or even, lead this team.

For those of you who do not already know, we have decided to live in Florida for this calendar year 2009. This was not necessarily our plan but we are totally convinced that it was God's. He provided a lovely young couple who wanted to rent our house in Sag Harbor and supplied us with a great amount of ministry work that required our attention in Florida. These two facts, combined with the details of how it all occurred, (that's a story for another time), prompted us to trust God's direction and "go for it." We are planning to be back in NY several times this year and we hope to see as many of you as possible. In the meantime if you need us for anything, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail, or better yet, come on down for a visit. (we will be glad to put you to work!).

The Restoration Roads homeless teens project is progressing very well. The building that we are renovating is nearing completion and will be able to house 18 kids. Debbie is assisting with the decoration and room painting, while Sal is busy with moving furniture and working with local churches. We are also interviewing potential "house parents" who will live full time at the house. We are really blessed to have more and more people seeing our vision and volunteering their time, talents and money. Feel free to visit the website at [www.restorationroadsministries.org](http://www.restorationroadsministries.org) and pray that we continue to see God's hand at work.

In addition to our regular weekly bible study, Sal will be offering a men's study while Debbie begins a women's study. We ask that you pray that those who attend will hear what God has to say to them.

In late January we were able to go on a short, long overdue, vacation to visit our friends Judy and Mike Graham in Key West. They are the first couple that Sal married after becoming a pastor and they are very dear to us. Some of their children are going through rough times so join with us as we pray for God to intercede with whatever help is needed.

As we look back on 2008, we are so grateful for the work that God has put before us and the provision He has supplied to accomplish that work. We want to thank all of you who have supported us with your prayers and monetary contributions. The money that God has supplied us through you has purchased diapers, toys, food, and clothing for children. It has paid rents and utilities, repaired appliances, fixed cars, and dug new wells for those in need. It has given us the ability to share God's word

through bible studies, special events, and free counseling. It has allowed Sal to train at the Billy Graham Institute and become a member of their Rapid Response Team. But more importantly, your prayers have given us encouragement, strength, comfort, and direction. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2009.

Yours In Christ,

*Sal and Debbie*



Sal with Danny & Jill



Restoration Roads Home Nearing Completion



Great Time in Key West