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EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING IN THE MIDST OF A DIFFICULT YEAR

Memories of Past Thanksgivings when

our whole family could gather for delicious food, encouraging discussions, and the sharing of expressions of gratitude to God for his blessings. This cannot happen this year—but we look forward to next year with hope and expectation.



AN ADMONITION

"...a healthy faith before God cannot be built and maintained, without heartfelt celebration of his greatness and goodness to us in the midst of our suffering and terror." Dallas Willard

SAYING GOOD-BYE

We have lost two dear friends and supporters this fall. It was so hard to say good-bye to these dear women, Carol and Alice. Knowing they are with the Lord makes heaven even sweeter.

THANKING GOD...

- Health of our family, in spite of 2 having COVID19 and the months of my recurring bronchial infections.
- Financial sustenance
- On-going ministry, mainly via
 Zoom
- The abundant blessings of God in our lives.



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FIND HERE A STATEMENT FROM ARTSCHARLOTTE; A RECENT BLOG POST FOR CIVA; AND MORE....

- It was an honor to have Christians in Visual Arts invite me to contribute to their website blog. The theme for the fall was "Balance and Harmony." Read my offering here.
- The leadership team of ArtsCharlotte made some difficult decisions about what we could do during this very strange time of the pandemic. The team has had members have resigned and the ones left are under very stressful circumstances in their lives. Therefore this notice was published to inform everyone about our status: "As many of you know, these months of

the pandemic have been full of pushing back plans. We hoped we would be able to have some group gatherings in the final months of the year, but have recognized that is not wise. As we look forward to 2021, we continue to hold our plans lightly. We are considering some more opportunities for virtual connection and encouragement among artists of all kids, including online book discussion groups, video studies, critiquing sessions and more. If you would be interested in participating in or helping to lead any of these groups, please reach

out to us. We look forward to the day when we can meet face-to-face again."

- •Please pray that new members of the ArtsCharlotte leadership team will be found and that a renewed excitement will enable us to work out our vision in 2021.
- Pray for the A.C.T. Intl staff members who are serving around the world. I seek to stay in contact with our international staff. Pray for their struggle with loneliness during times of isolation.
- **Pray** that my bronchial/larynx infections will not return and that my voice will fully heal and the cycle will be broken.