



## SUFFICIENT GRACE

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM TAMMY ARROWSMITH AND TOM BROWN  
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## IT'S OFFICIAL

If you look closely in the header above you might notice that there are two different types of bells. That is because not only are Christmas bells ringing these days but wedding bells have been ringing in my mind these days too. On September 27th Tom asked me (while down on one knee I might add!) if I would give him the honor and privilege of being his wife. I, of course, said YES! We will be married on March 24th, 2012.

As I mentioned in my last letter, I have known Tom for 8 years as a very good friend, but now I am realizing every day what a wonderful Godly man the Lord has blessed me with! What a blessing to learn more about his life and to meet his family and friends. For those of you who know me, you know that I know ALOT of people, but I really think that Tom knows more people than I do! It has been very fun to meet all these new friends and know that there are still many more to meet. ☺



One of the biggest blessings for me has been doing ministry alongside my future husband. We have talked and prayed with many elderly people and I have been able to assist him as he has taught in group settings at the nursing homes we serve. My long time dream of doing ministry with my husband is coming true. Thank you so much Lord Jesus!!

If you would like to read his first newsletter as an H\*VMI missionary feel free to go to our website at [www.hvmi.org](http://www.hvmi.org). Click on "Our Missionaries" then go to Tom Brown and you will find a link to his letter at the bottom of his page. Along with sharing the story about

how he came to H\*VMI, he also wrote a bit of his perspective on how God brought us together. We have also included the acceptance letter he received from our Director Tim Sheetz, for you to read just as a testimony of how God continues to be at work.

## THANK YOU

Tom and I both want to thank you so much for your prayers for us in the past few months. They have DEFINITELY been felt by both of us. God continues to pour out His blessings both in our ministries and in our personal lives and we KNOW that it is because HIS people are

praying! As we look to the future we know we cannot make it without prayer. If the Lord leads you to continue to pray for us here are some specifics:

*Pray that we would be examples of Jesus and bring glory to Him in every interaction we have.*

*Pray for Tom that God would increase his confidence to share God's Word in front of groups.*

*Pray for us as we continue to plan our wedding. As you know there are MANY details and we very much want the day to glorify the Lord in every way.*

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## FINANCES

You all know that I have been very open with you about my finances and many of you even bless me by asking directly how I am doing in this area. Thank you for asking and here is my answer these days:

A few of my dear supporters have gone on to heaven and a few have had to cut back. I praise the Lord for all of you faithful monthly supporters, a few new supporters and consistent one-time givers that have kept me going, but to be very candid, I am an average of **\$300** short each month. Also, I just found out a few days ago that my health insurance increased by \$40.

As you might have figured out, since Tom has joined H\*VMI he is also beginning to raise support. We have been greatly encouraged by many one-time gifts and a good handful that have committed to his monthly support.

As I mentioned earlier, we have seen God bless in many ways and we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God has brought us together to continue to serve with H\*VMI. If we look at things with fleshly eyes it is easy to wonder how God will provide with so many struggling in this economy, BUT our deep desire is just to do what the verse says that we claimed as a couple a few

months ago. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to TRUST that HE, our Lord Jesus, will keep His promise to provide our every need.

If you pray for us and feel led to give we have included a response card with an envelope for you to fill out and send.

Thank you again to all of you who care enough for us and WANT to know how God is providing. We will do our best to keep you updated and give Him all the glory in the process!!



## CHRISTMAS

We have not shared much about ministry in this letter but Tom and I plan to write another letter in February and look forward to sharing more specific ministry news then. For now, let me just share that camp preparations are already in full swing and we will beginning much recruiting of staff in January. We would appreciate your prayer that the Lord would provide just the staff we need this summer, especially a nurse manager and counselors.

I will be traveling to Columbia International University in SC, to recruit **January 23-27** and hope to see some of you then.



Yes, it really is Christmas. I have to honestly admit that the holiday kind of snuck up on me this year.



I have not had much time to think about Christmas except for buying a few presents and making plans to be with families. One thing that I have been trying to focus on is that in the busyness I want to "Be still and know He is God." What a peaceful thing to just sit in quietness and listen for Him. Tom and I have also enjoyed spending time praying together and praising Him for who He is. What a great gift we have for Christmas. Jesus ~ ALL that He is ~ is a gift greater than anything else we could ever receive. May you find time in the busyness to just enjoy Him.

Because He came,  
*Tammy & Tom*