

Thanksgiving Newsletter (Gobble Gobble)
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I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.
- William Shakespeare

I believe that the spirit of Thanksgiving is the best holiday of the year. At the time of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to our friends and family. We think warm thoughts of how lucky we are to have wonderful friendships and to love and to be loved. We ask you to be a part of our Supercourse Thanksgiving day.

This is a very special Thanksgiving. You have showed your love to the world.

We now have 5003 lectures in the Supercourse. What a wonderful present of health, friendship, and hope for the world.

It is an honor that you have trusted us with one of your most important gifts, that of your knowledge, your lectures. Your gifts of knowledge will keep giving generation after generation, and will help teach students about global health, as well as how a group of friends in over 200 countries, can effectively and peacefully work together. You will be helping those who are not even born. It is even more of an honor for you and all 50,000 members of the Supercourse to share this with the world, and to teach millions.

“Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.” Tennessee Williams

We would like to give each of you a small present. It is not much, but we wanted to show you how much we appreciate you. In the next mailing you will receive a gift of specially made Supercourse Business cards with your name, which demonstrates that you are a part of a global effort to improve health. Please hand these out to demonstrate to people that you are a Supercourse faculty, and you are our friends.

Initially 2 months ago it seemed like an impossible task to collect over 200 lectures in 2 months to reach 5000. In our record year we collected just over 500 lectures. However, you just gave Eugene Shubnikov from Siberia, his best 50th birthday present, as we crossed over the 5000 barrier with weeks to spare for his birthday on Nov. 29. You made your Russian Friend very happy, and you made the Supercourse very happy. We proclaim Nov. 29, not only Eugene’s birthday, but Supercourse day, the day to show PowerPoint lectures!

Five thousand lectures is equivalent to about 110 courses on global health and prevention. Also, this represents over 400 books about global health and prevention. You and the other faculty now are the global health educators of the world. It is a very nice feeling. Your gift of your lectures is a gift that keeps giving. Long after we all pass away, our

lectures will be helping teachers and students. The Supercourse in some ways immortalizes us all, and we can continue to give back.

“One’s friends are that part of the human race which one can be human”
(Santayana)

We wish you all a Happy Supercourse Thanksgiving day.

Best Regards,

Ron, Faina, Eugene, Francois, Nicholas, Gil, Mita, Ismail, Eric, Kawkab, Vint, Ali,
Meredith