

September, 1988

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter to you who have supported our family in some way during the last two years, and to others of you who have touched our ministry.

I am writing for two purposes: to inform you of what we are doing, and to invite you to be our partner in the next twelve months.

Though we look to the Lord for our supply, we know we depend on people just like you to bring that supply of love and finances which we need to fulfill our ministry.

I believe that we must extend this invitation to you once each year, so that you can understand our vision and need, and know how to help us.

**We are "trailblazing"
for the cause of prayer
and world missions.**

Ours is a full-time faith mission, with Minnesota as our "home mission field", and with the nations in our hearts. For the last two years, most of this trailblazing has been in hidden places -- the prayer closet, building relationships with pastors and missionaries, and interceding with a platoon of intercessors from various churches who have helped us in this ministry of spiritual warfare.

During these two years of trailblazing, after 15 years as a pastor, we have served several ministries: AIMS, the Association of International Mission Services, Arming for Action, and Washington for Jesus. Now we are establishing two young ministries which need more time and energy than we seem to have!

**One: The Minnesota
Prayer Watch**

THE BURDEN: Revival in our state and nation.

The VISION: A cooperative, full-time center of intercession for Minnesota,

located in the capitol city, St. Paul, hosting a steady stream of prayer teams from many churches.

The MINISTRIES: (presently)

1. Monday evenings: united city-wide intercession, 7:30 p.m. (call us for location)
2. Capitol City Prayer Outreach: Beginning ~~September 30~~, more than 30 churches will send prayer teams to St. Paul monthly, one team every day in the city. (goal two or more teams in St. Paul each day, praying for revival.)
3. Local Church Prayer Encounters: Weekends in churches, to release the intercessors. *pray for God's anointing on these Prayer Encounters.

Two: Friends of YWAM

This ministry, which Jackie and I have been establishing during the last two years, is associated with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). It is a ministry to YWAM related people in and from Minnesota; this includes alumni of YWAM training, Minnesota missionaries on the field, returned missionaries to our area, and parents of YWAM'ers.

YWAM is an international movement of Christians from many denominations who are committed to carrying the gospel of Christ to the nations. YWAM has more than 6,000 full-time staff in over 80 nations; 30,000 are sent on short term outreaches through YWAM each year; and there are more than 100,000 people who have been through YWAM missionary training!

Jackie and I are called by the Lord to serve these mission-hearted people in our area, numbering in the hundreds, to encourage them and help them to continue following the mission vision in their hearts.

The BURDEN of Friends of YWAM: to strengthen the supporting base for world missions in Minnesota.

The VISION: to establish a caring and communicating network of mission-hearted YWAM'ers who can serve the world mission task from Minnesota.

The MINISTRIES: (presently)

1. Monthly Friends of YWAM meeting.
2. Monthly prayer letter to 300 YWAM friends in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
3. Increasing correspondence with YWAM bases around the world, for prayer purposes.
4. Counseling returning YWAM missionaries.
5. Raising material support for YWAM needs, at times.

Example: Friends of YWAM recently provided a new air-conditioner for YWAM mercy ship, the Good Samaritan.

6. Hosting special mission events in the Twin Cities.

We are hosting Floyd McClung, International Director of YWAM for several meetings.

7. Prayer support for Minnesota YWAM missionaries on the field.

The Minnesota Prayer Watch, focusing on united prayer for revival in our land; and the Friends of YWAM, focusing on supporting the world mission task, represent our calling and commitment to the Lord.

Both of these ministries are on the verge of bursting out into fruitfulness.

WE CAN ONLY FULFILL THIS CALL WITH THE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS WHO WILL INTERCEDE FOR US AND REGULARLY SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY!

We need many new financial partners.

Jackie and I have survived many storms in the past two years, by God's grace. Jackie had her final surgery in July and is recovering well. We thank the Lord for that and for providing more than \$25,000 of the \$30,000 which this has cost so far.

Beyond this remaining medical bill, we are left with a considerable mountain of immediate financial need as a family.

And beyond the family needs (we have been functioning on 2/3 of what we needed personally during the past two years), we see a ministry needing an office, secretarial help, and considerable increase in operating expenses.

Never have I seen more opportunity before me in the ministry; never have I faced greater obstacles; never have I needed the Lord more; and never have I had to depend on the body of Christ like I now must.

Can you identify with our burden for revival in our land? Can you identify with our burden for supporting the cause of world missions here in Minnesota?

Will you become our partner in prayer and in monthly financial support?

How to write checks:

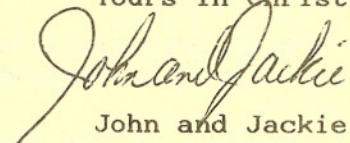
For tax-deductible contributions to our support, write your checks to:

"CHURCH UPON THE ROCK"

Include a note: "for Matthews" If you wish to designate to Minnesota Prayer Watch or Friends of YWAM expenses, please include a note about that with your gift.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter: I know the Lord will guide you.

Yours in Christ,


John and Jackie

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