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Lifeline

a prayer letter from John and Jackie Matthews

September, 1990

Dear friends,

On the 20th of this month, Jackie and I head for New Zealand, where we will be for three weeks, teaching in two Youth With A Mission schools, on the subject of worship, intercession, and spiritual warfare. In our last letter, we shared a prayer request concerning half the travel cost still needed; the Lord has provided, and we are on our way!

We also shared our need for \$1000 increase in our monthly support; since that letter two more churches have begun to support us monthly, and three individuals have begun new support; this combined is about \$250.00/month; 25% of the needed increase has come! Praise the Lord with us for His provision, and continue to pray for the rest to be released.

As you pray for our time in New Zealand, thank the Lord for safe travel, and ask Him for a release through us of wisdom and anointing in the teaching ministry. And pray for our children, Jay, Jeff, and Jenni, who are at home on their own together while Mom and Dad are globe hopping. We will be back home on October 16th. Pray also for jet lag to be minimized. (We have had some difficulty in the past.)

We just finished hosting (with other prayer leaders) a regional prayer seminar, with Gary Bergel, president of Intercessors for America, as main speaker. About 300 people attended this 3 day event, which was sobering, challenging, and encouraging! We ended it with an afternoon of intercession in the city; the Lord shared with us significant things for future prayer strategy in our city and state. The seminar drew together for the first time leaders of six different prayer organizations in our area...a new and encouraging step towards greater cooperation in prayer!

Jackie just finished leading a ladies retreat at our church. Doris Ott, missionary to eastern Europe, was the main speaker; it was an expanding time for Jackie, as she is moving ahead in her gifts of leadership among women.

Continue to pray for the Lord's direction in the Minnesota Prayer Watch, especially as we sense an even greater urgency to rally men to prayer. Gary Bergel's example of male prayer leadership was a great inspiration; and he had an urgent call to men of God to take their place as spiritual leaders. This is not to depreciate the role of women in prayer, of course; it's just that men are hanging back, and need an extra shove from their brothers!

Our house is still for sale, due to our continued financial deficit. Pray for our reapplication for a grant which will pay for more than \$7,000 of the medical bills. It appears that we will be accepted for this grant! Pray for our house to sell, or for God to release the funds for the remainder of the deficit.

Continue to pray for the Lord's direction for YWAM in the Twin Cities, and our part in this. Pray also for His wisdom in our future mission travels; He has instructed us to be ready to "GO!"; and He has placed special burdens in us for Asia and Eastern Europe.

Jackie and I want to thank each of you who pray for us. We feel an increased need for prayer support, and want to remind you that God hears even simple prayer uttered as we go about our daily business. I remember some years ago, while on a mission trip to Sri Lanka, that I was struck with some kind of oppressive attack of the enemy; late that night it lifted and I once again was "in the victory". On returning home, I found that someone had prayed a simple prayer for me at that very hour...causing an instant miracle in me half a world away!

"NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING, AND TO MAKE YOU STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY BLAMELESS WITH GREAT JOY,  
TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BE GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION AND AUTHORITY, BEFORE ALL TIME AND NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN!" Jude 24,25.

Continuing on in His service,

*John and Jackie*  
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p.s. remember, tax deductible checks can be written for us to Church Upon The Rock, Minnesota Prayer Watch, or Youth With A Mission. Attach note: "Matthews support"