

Lifeline

...from John and Jackie
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Dear friends,

It seems so much has happened since the last prayer letter at the end of January. It's probably due to the Persian Gulf war, most of which took place during this period. What an amazing time to live, don't you think? The pace of these end times seems to be quickening; even the daily paper sometimes has "old news"... how did we ever exist without "live satellite coverage" of events as they happen?

"Call to War"

The "Call to War" Prayer Conference was a great blessing from the Lord; more than 800 people were taught spiritual warfare by two of the Lord's "warrior chiefs", Kjell Sjoberg and Steve Lightle. The financial blessing of the conference was also abundant, including a spontaneous offering for Soviet Jews that exceeded \$14,000!

New Zealand

Jackie, Jenni and I left for New Zealand soon after the conference. Praise the Lord for His provision for all three of us to go! 29 hours of air travel and airports found us in Auckland, weary but happy. We plunged right into two weeks of intensive teaching ministry at two YWAM schools, teaching "Foundations for a Life of Prayer." We were first at a new base near the town of Matamata; Being the first teachers in the first school ever held there meant a week of spiritual "groundbreaking". It was exhausting, but rewarding, as we saw breakthroughs come in the lives of the students and for the base itself.

The second week found us back at Orama on Great Barrier Island, where we had ministered last fall. This was a Family Discipleship Training School, so we were teaching parents of various ages. Again, being the first teachers of the school meant "breaking ground" in the hearts of the students, and helping them to be set free from their bondages.

In addition to several hours of teaching per day, there was counseling and personal time with both staff and students. I also spent considerable time writing my teachings into a tiny new word processor that the Lord provided just before we left home. (And this prayer letter is coming out of the beautiful new Macintosh II computer that He has provided for my office!)

Thankyou!

Jackie and I want to again thank each of you who pray for us; we know that the Lord is answering your prayers, and we are experiencing the strength and protection that comes from your spiritual support.

We also want to thank each of you who have given financially in the last few weeks; some of you gave special gifts to us personally during the prayer conference, which greatly surprised us, and which were received with much appreciation. (These special gifts made it possible to take care of a "backlog" of monthly obligations, so that we were able to leave for New Zealand.)

Our Need...

Please continue to pray for our REGULAR MONTHLY SUPPORT. Many special gifts have taken us through the last few months, and for that we rejoice! But we go through some months without many special gifts, making it difficult to remain current. Presently, 5 churches and about 15 individuals support us monthly. Would you ask the Lord if you are to be a monthly giver to our ministry?

Pray also for the REMAINING MEDICAL BILLS that are yet unpaid, which caused us to try to sell the house last year. No offers were made on the house, and we took it off the market...but the problem is still with us.

What's Ahead...

The coming spring and summer will find us near home, it seems. Overseas travel will probably resume in the fall. I plan to give the next two months to writing a teaching manual on "Foundations for a Life of Prayer". I will be using this to teach a School of Prayer May 6-10 here in our city. These foundations are the "life messages" that the Lord has been putting in my heart (and Jackie's) for many years, and which we have taught in New Zealand. Now it's time to do the same in our home town!

I will also be leading a pilot project for a Daily Prayer Watch in May and June. During the "Call to War" conference (and after), more than 100 people from many churches volunteered to give a full day to prayer every few weeks. With their

help, we will have a 2-4 week "trial run" of this Daily Prayer Watch, which in God's time will become an ongoing ministry of the Minnesota Prayer Watch.

Wedding Bells!

Two weddings are coming this summer for our family: Jay and Lana are to be married on June 29; Jeff and Jermaine are to be married on August 24. It's a very special time for the Matthews family; keep these young people (and Jenni) in your prayer for us. We are enjoying becoming parents of adult children, even though it is sometimes overwhelming!

May the Lord show Himself faithful to you in the days ahead...**because He is indeed a faithful, covenant-keeping God!**

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie

Prayer Needs:

- *John's writing this spring*
- *School of Prayer May 6-10*
- *Pilot for Daily Prayer Watch*
- *Jay's and Jeff's weddings*
- *Fall outreach plans*
- *Monthly support increase*
- *Remaining medical bills*
- *Jenni's fall school plans*