

"for now we live, as you stand firm in the Lord." I Thess. 3:8

September 92

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter at a time which reminds me of the experience Israel had at the Red Sea. Though I don't think Pharaoh's army is bearing down on us, nor are our lives threatened like theirs were on that day, yet we are facing a "Red Sea" in regard to our trip to Indonesia, India and Israel.

First, we are praising the Lord for preparing five friends and prayer warriors to accompany us overseas, and for providing all the finances for each of them!

The "Red Sea" is that Jackie and I still need 2/3 of the finances necessary for us to go! (as of 9/26)

Many who know us are not in the least concerned. They say to us, "Oh well, so what's new? You always get the miracle you need." So for them, it evidently needs no further thought. For us, it feels like the first time we ever needed a miracle; and we ask "Is this really you, God?" Our hearts still say "Yes"; so we are committed to go, by God's grace.

It is a strange feeling to be leading a team — all of whom already have their money needed — and as their leaders we still face this need! (Some of them have already helped us generously!)

So here we are. We believe the Lord has inspired this journey, and we have "laid down our rod" of commitment....will the "Red Sea" part for us?

*To this date, six people have given money for our journey.*

By the time you read this, we may only have a day or two left to pay for our tickets.

Why do I tell you this? As always, it is for you to **pray and to praise the Lord with us for the answer!**

God knows where the provision is for this journey of intercession. He knows who is to help.

It is in the Lord's hands.

**...about the Florida gathering:**

100 intercessors and prayer leaders came from many states. Never have I been with more serious prayer warriors, or more anointed intercession. In addition to the morning, afternoon and evening gatherings, a prayer room was staffed 24 hours a day with energized intercessors battling for souls and for our nation (and some other nations as well). It came to a crescendo of travailing prayer late in the week, and climaxed with all of us crying to the Lord in unison for "Souls! Souls! Souls! Souls! Souls!....." I believe the harvest released in this gathering will be reaped all over the nation through those willing to go out and gather it in!

**...the Arab Muslim world is opening!**

A glorious report was given to us in Florida by Gerald Derstine. *More than five thousand of Arab Muslims in Israel have become believers over the last three years, with nearly 40 new congregations!* This has been accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders, angelic visitation, and much persecution. God's time has come to begin reaping

His harvest in the Islamic world. Gerald's anointed declaration was "*The back of Islam is broken!*" And the intercessors present all entered into agreement on that!

This report brought me great encouragement in our intercession for the Muslim Acehnese of Sumatra, and our prayer journey there as the first leg of this trip. The time is very short for the harvest time to begin in Aceh! Prayers have ascended, and the spiritual forces are being pushed back on behalf of these 3 million lost souls. It is a stressful time for our missionary friends there, but this is an indication of Satan's anger as he knows his time in Aceh is short!

God is sending us there to "Give thanks to the Lord" for His victory, and to seal in the spiritual realm the intercession that has gone up by many.

We are scheduled to leave Minneapolis on October 8. After two days in California with Jackie's family, we meet our team and fly to Singapore on October 11. An overnight and two more flights will bring us to Aceh on October 14.

**Pray for us to be fully obedient to do all that the Spirit leads us to do in Aceh. (October 14-21)**

**Pray also for God's divine appointments for us in India to be accomplished. Our hearts are towards these young missionaries, and we believe we must be there. (October 22-November 1)**

**And pray that our purpose in Jerusalem will be brought to fulfillment. (November 1-12)** In attending this intercession for the nations, I feel like a corporal at a generals' gathering. Pray that Jackie and I will be able to do our part in this week that will affect the course of history. It has been said: "HISTORY BELONGS TO THE INTERCESSORS".

We plan to arrive in Detroit on November 12, and stay with more of Jackie's family near Jackson, MI for one week. (Jenni is coming to join us). We'll be back in Minneapolis on November 19, by God's grace.

**...you can affect our "history" too!**

Our personal history can be influenced by your faithfulness in standing firm in the Lord on our behalf. ("*For now we live, as you stand firm in the Lord*" I Thess 3:8) Do not underestimate the simplicity of your prayer. Do not let the enemy heap his accusation on you in your weakness. Perhaps the best intercession you could do is to "Give thanks to the Lord" for us, and release the burden of our ministry to the Lord, and just expect Him to be faithful!

Because He is...totally faithful...totally trustworthy...totally dependable.

Jehovah Jireh, the Lord our Provider.

Amen. God bless you and give you His peace.

Yours in Christ,

*John and Jackie*