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Dear friends,

We thought you might like to read some of the thank you's from the students to whom we ministered in New Zealand. When you send us with your prayers and gifts, you share in the fruit:

"Dear J&J: my worry muscle is now my prayer muscle."
Jan

"Thank you both so much for your obedience to the Lord. You both have shown me the face of my Lord and placed a certainty of my God deep within that will not be shaken. Yes, we have taken your teaching and are now applying it to our lives."
Sharon and Scott

"Thank you so much for the precious message you have brought to us about intercession, prayer and more open relationship with Jesus."
Greg and Joy

"God bless you for your sensitivity and boldness in sharing a very important message — a message that has brought change and a new understanding on the importance and urgency of prayer. Thank you too, for your godly counsel and your teaching to us."
Julian and Vim

"Thank you for your love and humility. We feel like a whole new dimension for us has been opened. We look forward to knowing the Holy Spirit better — through your teaching."
Greg and JoLynne

"We loved your free spirits and your many stories. Sometimes we laughed with you and cried with you."
Ev and Elaine

"You guys are refreshing — so real and easy to relate to! Thanks for all the practical instruction and encouragement."
Ken and Barb

"A difficult week in some ways, but very good. Very much not what I expected."
Mick

Thank you for your open sharing of depth of trials and answers you have found in the Word."
Martin and Trish

"My eyes were dry, my faith was old; my heart was hard, my prayers I thought cold." Through you the Lord put a total new perspective on these words. Thank you both heaps. Now I know freedom is my choice."
Keith

"Your Spirit-led sharing of your testimonies, teaching and humor has ministered life and hope to us"
Joy

For me, (John) traveling across the world by air is very difficult. I think I was born to live on the ground, not in the air. After all, doesn't the Bible say "walk by the Spirit"? Where does it say, "Fly by the Spirit"? (It's my one concern about the rapture.) Anyway, I sometimes wonder why we go so far to minister to just a few at a time. But when I hear what the Lord does in those to whom we have ministered, I just have to say "Thank you, Lord. I'll go where you want me to go."

"Send Your RAIN!"

We are hosting a prayer conference May 12-15, which is called "Send Your RAIN" The Lord has spoken to us to minister to weary servants of the Lord, whether they be intercessors, ministers, or any other kind of believer. After receiving the refreshing rain of His presence, the Lord willing, we want pray for nations -- most specifically the Indian subcontinent. You are all invited.

Will you pray with us for this event? We believe it is to be a time of refreshing, a drenching of His Spirit on all who feel dusty and dry (which is so many of God's people) Jackie and I have a team of ministers with us: Roger and Judy Sutch from Way of the Cross Church; Tim and Carol Svoboda, national directors of Youth With A Mission India; and Rick and Heather Engel, directors of Neighbors — YWAM's outreach to Muslims in South Asia.

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In this conference, we hope for the Lord to pour His Spirit on all who would be prayer warriors. We long for anointed worship, teaching, and ministry by the gifts of the Spirit. We are trusting with eagerness and desperation that God will do for us and others what we cannot do for ourselves — raining on us the fresh water of His Spirit, and flowing through us in a river of intercession for the nations.

Please continue to pray with us for things we have mentioned in previous letters:

- The call to writing
- The assignment to help develop a “prayer shield” for YWAM International
- The welfare of our children: Jay and Lana, Jeff and Jermaine, and Jenni
- Our personal finances
- The recruiting of more prayer missionaries for the Indian subcontinent
- Further ministry in local churches
- The Watchmen men’s prayer ministry (it is barely alive.)
- Physical strength, spiritual, emotional and mental energy for Jackie and me. The spiritual warfare of our ministry seems to drain us. This is probably a request for joy: “The joy of the Lord is our strength”.

Your intercession lifts us up above weariness and sometimes discouragement; then we can more easily stand in our own armor of faith and prayer — the part that you can’t do for us. We all have to do our own trusting and praying too, don’t we?

We see you as more and more essential to our ministry. When we have a victory, it is yours, if you have stood with us in faith and prayer. Thanks again. And thanks again to you who give financially. Every gift is a miracle to us; every gift an answer to prayer; every gift an encouragement to go on; every gift is received with love and concern for you the giver, and with honor to the One who inspired you to give.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie

“Pray for the the peace of Jerusalem”
Ps. 122:6