

Dear friends,

How are you? Jackie and I value our relationship with you, even though for a few of you it may only consist of this letter. But I know that some of you, who rarely get to see us or talk to us, pray for us faithfully and read our letters. This is a treasure to us, a gift of spiritual care on your part that we know is just what we call this letter — a LIFELINE! May the Lord bless you back, and we send out to you with this letter, by faith, an agreement in spirit that Jesus is Lord over your house and family, and that the powers of darkness have no authority over you because of His shed blood and His wonderful Name!

Jackie and I have been taking the Lord's supper together almost every day for the last month, as a reaffirmation of the covenant in the body and blood of Christ, and of our need to "eat of His flesh and drink of His blood" continuously. We take it for our physical health, spiritual and mental well-being, and for our family. We take it on your behalf, and on behalf of the missionaries and ministers for whom we pray. That communion table is a wonderful ground for intercession, for it speaks of our hope that is "built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness!" Amen!

We find that He is "cleansing our conscience from dead works to serve the living God". Isn't that what the blood of Christ does, according to Hebrews 9? One of the things that is being scrubbed out is a "victim mentality" that creeps in with prolonged trials. Our whole culture is so full of this victim mentality, that everyone is beginning to think they are being abused by something or someone! (Not to make light of the abusive way that humans can treat each other.) The church is plagued with it as well, with many Christians living with very little hope. But the Lord and His Word do not lead us into being victims, but "always lead us to triumph in Him!" Doesn't Romans 8 say, "We were considered as sheep to be

slaughtered...but in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Jesus Christ who loves us!"? YES, we are victors, not victims!

It's not that anyone really is treating any of us as "sheep to be slaughtered" — except the devil, and that is usually just a battle in the mind. But the flesh in us can so easily fall into self-pity or unbelief when things don't go the way we would like to see them. And so, we are learning to receive a fresh sense of joy and victory in the Lord, and to let the Spirit cleanse us in the inner man and fill us up even fuller with Himself. May you also receive the cleansing of His blood in your inner man, and a fresh anointing of His joy!

Good news from India...

We have heard good reports from YWAM India, for whom many of you pray regularly. Tim Svoboda, national director of India for YWAM told me that new ministries are starting all over the nation, people are coming to the Lord, and new churches are being planted. He said that the present prime minister is one of the best India has had — that he told the Congress he is thankful for American missionaries coming to India! The radical Hindu movement seems to be dissipating, the economy is booming, and there is more freedom to minister. The telephones are just now being privatized, so that AT&T, MCI, etc. can come in and build new communication systems. That will be a huge boost for India! More missionaries are getting long term visas, and even the stock market is in good shape! The prayer request is that the present prime minister will stay healthy; he is quite old and feeble, but if he can remain in power for 3-5 years, it would be very good for India. So pray for him.

Concerning YWAM India, pray for a government official named Elavadi, who has held up YWAM's registration with the government for years, claiming that Tim is an agent of the CIA. This man is adamant and unmovable in this ridiculous claim. The man who works

under this official said that Tim could go to court and that he would win. He also said he would help Tim with such a step. But the loss of face in court for this man Elavadi could result in Tim's eviction from the country. So, pray for Tim Svoboda, for this official, and for the release of India YWAM's legal right to exist, own property, and receive foreign funds. It is a spiritual battle, and it is time for a breakthrough.

The "Red Sea" is in front of us again...!

Now, concerning our journey to Indonesia and China. The plans are in place, and here we are, only days before payment of our airline tickets is due. We don't yet have most the money, and how is God going to do it this time? Is he going to do it? Oh, you say, John and Jackie always get the miracle! Well, we are trusting that the release will come, and we want you to stand with us for the Lord's will to be done! Two years ago, 6 weeks before going around the world, with no funds yet in, the Lord spoke in my heart: "You are on the right track, and you will have no lack for this trip. The Red Sea will part, and I will make a way where there is no way..."

Now we so close to this departure, and have a similar word in our hearts -- a word to go, and that every need will be met. Are we wrong this time? One thing we know: God is faithful, and doesn't deceive us. He is never wrong! We put ourselves in His trustworthy care. We will trust Him with the outcome.

Here is our itinerary:

Jackie will depart for Los Angeles Sunday, July 10 to visit her sister and mother. John and Jenni will depart for Los Angeles Wednesday, July 13. We will help celebrate the wedding of Jackie's niece Anne on Saturday, July 16. Jayme and Betty, our other team members, will join us in L.A. on Sunday night, July 17.

July 19, 2:00 a.m.

Team of five departs from L.A.

July 20, 3:55 p.m.

Arrive in Singapore

Visit missionaries to Acehnese.

Pray for Singapore, recoup from jet lag

July 22, 10:40 a.m.

Depart from Singapore

July 22, 5:40 p.m.

Arrive Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia

Intercession for the Acehnese

July 29, 11:00 a.m.

Depart Banda Aceh, overnight in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pray for Malaysia

July 30, 11:10 a.m.

Depart from Kuala Lumpur

July 30, 2:45 p.m.

Arrive in Hong Kong

July 31-Aug. 2

Revival Christian Center, Hong Kong

Make arrangements for travel into China

Visit ministries in Hong Kong

August 3-6

Into China, destination Guilin

Deliver Bibles, intercede for China

August 7, 4:30 p.m.

Depart from Hong Kong

August 8

Arrive back in Minneapolis

By God's grace and the prayers and support of our friends we will go and return.

May the Lord bless you richly, and may you keep your eyes focused on Him. May you remember that you are more than a conqueror, and not a victim of circumstances! **May you** face the future with your head lifted up, your neck outstretched in hopeful anticipation of God's grace and salvation!

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie

*"Pray for the the peace of Jerusalem"
Ps. 122:6*