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Dear friends,

We greet you once again in the wonderful name of Jesus!

Lately we have been reminded of what Jesus has done for us in the shedding of His blood, and we are being shown again the need to apply His blood to our inner man through faith in His word.

*"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from a guilty conscience "*  
Hebrews 10:19-22

"...let us draw near". It never ceases to amaze me that God wants us near to Him, and that He has made the way open to us through the shedding of Christ's blood. Our part is simple: to put our confidence, hope and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Didn't Jesus say "It is finished!" when He died?

God has made it possible for us to be clean inside — that is even in our conscience— through the wonderful gift of Jesus' shed blood applied through faith in that blood.

This blood redeems us. That means it separates us from our sins, and from Satan's tormenting power. It is a line drawn by God declaring: "This one belongs to Jesus; he has been bought by His blood. Satan you have no power or right to this one! Satan, do not cross this line." It is the bloodline.

Do you remember the bloodline which all Israelites placed on the door to their home in Egypt the night of Passover? God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you!" That blood applied to their door was a guaranteed protection from the angel of death. On that night, death came into every Egyptian home, but on that same night, through the blood of the lamb, deliverance came to every Israeli family. They only had to apply the blood in faith and obedience...

The application by faith of the blood of Jesus to our inner man is one of our greatest needs. It is the blood of Jesus that draws a line within us between what is of God and what is not. It is a repelling force to demons, and a cleansing power to erase the guilt that plagues most of us. The blood of Jesus established in our conscience becomes the source of bold faith. Believers with blood washed consciences become dangerous to the devil, and useful to God.

Here is a proclamation concerning the blood of Christ which Derek Prince has published. Making this proclamation in faith is a great way to "apply the blood" to your life.

## BY THIS I OVERCOME THE DEVIL

I TESTIFY TO SATAN PERSONALLY AS TO WHAT THE WORD SAYS THE BLOOD DOES FOR ME:

THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM REDEEMED OUT OF THE HAND OF THE DEVIL.

THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, CONTINUALLY CLEANSSES ME FROM ALL SIN.

THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM JUSTIFIED, MADE RIGHTEOUS, JUST-AS-IF-I'D NEVER SINNED.

THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I AM SANCTIFIED, MADE HOLY, SET APART TO GOD

MY BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, REDEEMED, CLEANSSED, BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

SATAN HAS NO PLACE IN ME, NO POWER OVER ME, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS."

Here's how you can apply the blood to your prayer life: "Father, I receive the blood of Jesus with all its power to cleanse my conscience from accusation and guilt. I affirm its power to separate me from Satan's forces and to enable me to draw near to You. I come with that blood washed boldness to Your throne of grace, that I may receive mercy, and might find grace to help in time of need."

## *We are asking for a stronger prayer covering...*

Remember to affirm the power and protection of the blood and name of Jesus when you pray for your family, church, etc., and when you pray for us— please pray for us more if you can! As Jackie and I have been setting in motion plans for this summer, I have experienced an unusual level of warfare. It has made me aware that we need a stronger prayer covering as we lead others intercession for our city, for Aceh and for China. However, as it says in Romans 8, "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." I believe we will be victorious, as you stand with us in faith.

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### *A School of Worship, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare...*

We would like you to pray especially for us in June for a School of Worship, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare that Jackie and I will be leading June 20-24. We are doing it in conjunction with the March for Jesus which happens on June 25. Invitations have gone out to many churches of many denominations, and we are trusting that the Holy Spirit will draw the ones He wants to this school. Will you pray earnestly with us and for us as we prepare for this city-wide event? Our concern is not only to teach, but also to minister an impartation of the Spirit. We are planning to intercede for the city during the school, even going into the city for spiritual warfare, worship and prayer. Pray with us that the participants will catch a vision through this school to put into practice the ministries of worship, intercession and spiritual warfare in their homes, their churches, and their communities.

Pray that we will be in touch with the Holy Spirit, and let Him have His way. Agree in faith with us for the binding up of Satan's forces. Pray for protection on all who participate. We know that the powers of darkness in our city do not like us messing with what they think belongs to them, but we believe that Jesus owns the city, and has called the church to intercede for it! Jeremiah 29:6 says "*Seek the peace and prosperity of the city...and pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*"

#### *Outreach to Aceh and China...*

Our ministry outreach to Asia is in motion. Six of us, the Lord willing, are going to Indonesia and Hong Kong/China. The team consist of Jackie, myself and four young adults – our daughter Jenni, Betty, John and Jayme. We will be leaving on July 13, going first to Los Angeles for the wedding of Jackie's niece. Then our team will go to Singapore to be with "non-residential" missionaries who work with the Acehnese people. From there we will go into Aceh for intercession and ministry with our home church missionaries who live among the Acehnese. Then we proceed to Hong Kong and into China as intercessors and Bible couriers.

I have enclosed a page with expanded information about Aceh and China. It will help you understand our reasons for going on this outreach.

We are trusting the Lord to use us and protect us along the way. Please agree with us in faith for the release of the finances for this journey. The Lord has shown Himself faithful in the first step. Our deposit for the tickets, which was to be \$400, was reduced to \$250. The deadline for that deposit was extended to May 31. On May 29, we received an unexpected check which covered the deposit for Jackie and myself! The Lord also provided the deposit for the other team members as well! Trust the Lord with us that He will finish what He has begun!

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Yours in Christ,

*John and Jackie*

p.s. Jackie's proposed Sept. medical outreach trip to China has been set aside. With our summer trip, and plans for "Life on Wings Training Institute" it has not seemed timely. But we hope the Lord will open the door at another time for such an outreach.

#### Prayer requests:

*For the School of Worship, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare June 20-24:*

- \*For favor among the pastors and churches*
- \*For good response from people all over the Twin Cities.*
- \*For protection for us and all who participate in the school and in the March for Jesus.*
- \*For spiritual breakthrough in the participants and in the Twin Cities.*

*For the Singapore/Aceh/Hong Kong/China intercessory outreach:*

- \*For the full provision for Jackie, myself, Jenni, Betty, and Jayme.*
- \*For protection health, wisdom, anointing, and the strategy from the Lord for intercession and warfare.*
- \*For team unity and love.*

*For our personal financial needs:*

*Summer time can be a financially "lean" time for us; this summer we need an extraordinary release of provision.*

*"Pray for the the peace of Jerusalem"*

Ps. 122:6