



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

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Dear friends,

We greet you this holiday season with thanksgiving to God for His great mercy, and with thanksgiving for you, our family and friends. May His presence and His blessing be in your heart and your home!

As each year passes, we have seen His promise fulfilled: *"His mercy endures forever."* None of us know all that we might face in 1997, but this we do know: *"Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives; and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."* Regardless of what you may encounter, just wait and see... His goodness and mercy is still following!

We saw fresh evidence of this mercy on our arrival home from Ukraine and Holland, having lost a large amount of money to a thief in Amsterdam. (which we then had to borrow on our visa card in order to proceed into Ukraine.) A check had already arrived from a church who had taken an offering for us to help replace the lost funds! Furthermore, the day after our arrival, students from our school of prayer on their own initiative presented us with another offering of toward this need! So, only half of the debt remains. His goodness and mercy is following, even though something evil had happened to us! *A big hug to you who have helped with this need!*

Thanks for praying for the Chantik Prayer Summit in Denver. It went very well, and was a good and necessary step towards increasing united intercession for this unreached people group. In attendance were missionaries to the Chantik, others getting ready to go, leaders of mission agencies, and prayer warriors from several churches who have adopted the Chantik.

Prayer Summit II will be held next August in Chantikland. It appears that we may have teams from New Zealand, Australia, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Netherlands, U.S.A., and perhaps two or three other nations. Everyone at the summit was excited about the potential and aware of the great need for this "prayer war". God can and will break through the wall of spiritual darkness in the land as united, persistent prayer increases. We are privileged to be part of this "history in the making". Please pray for these prayer teams which are now forming around the world. Pray for our responsibility of coordination, training, and communication with these teams. Do you want to join our team? If you do, let us know soon. The dates are August 11-22.

We had the privilege of visiting our son and his wife, Jeff and Jermaine, now living in Phoenix, following the Denver prayer summit. Then we had a further joy of going together to San Francisco for the marriage of Jackie's niece, Pam. This gave us the opportunity to be with all Jackie's family, including her mother. Since they all live in California, it takes a special occasion for her to see them.

Looking into 1997, we want Jesus to have His way with us. Mobilizing prayer and going to the nations continue to be His priorities. Please continue to pray that we will remain in the center of His purpose, and be obedient to His still, small voice.

The second quarter of our school of prayer begins January 13. The theme is "Entering the Ministry of Intercession". You can register, even if you did not attend fall quarter.

We remain extremely grateful for your friendship and your prayer. To those of you who are able to support us financially....thanks seems not enough. May the Lord bless you many times over!

With love,

John and Jackie

Prayer requests:

- * Plans for pastors' conference in Ukraine to be confirmed.
- * That we might be able to write new literature that is on our hearts.
- * For our children and spouses: Jay and Lana, Jeff and Jermaine, and Jen.
- * For our financial deficit remaining from our time in Indonesia, Jackie's June surgery, and the Amsterdam theft.
- * For the teams preparing for the August Chantik Prayer Summit.
- * For the winter quarter of the School of Prayer.

"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession."

