



Dear friends,

Summer is moving fast, it seems to us.

...Or is it that we are moving slower these days?

Anyway, August is at the door, and here comes fall, and soon the snow will arrive!

Actually we look forward to fall and winter coming. Don't you remember how we missed out on so much of the last wonderful Minnesota winter and how we had to suffer on a lush, green tropical island?

Or was it that we enjoyed the lush, green tropical island while most of you suffered a long cold winter? Oh, well...

Hey...you can have adventures with God too, you know! Step out in faith and do what He says! (We know many of you do just that.)

### **Going to Sweden for the School of Prophetic Prayer...**

By God's grace I will be in Sweden on August 11 - 19 to attend a prophetic school of prayer for mission and prayer leaders. Please pray that I get there, and that I'll receive what God wants for me! I almost decided not to go, with too much to do here, but the nudge of my heart says it is important — an investment for the future — such as working toward the goal of seeing a great spiritual breakthrough in the Chantik people of Indonesia.

### **Prayer International School of Prayer starts in September, ...lasting 'till May, 97!**

In our last letter we asked you to pray for the launching of a school of prayer. Thanks for praying! It goes into action as a course at Heart for the Nations Bible School in Brooklyn Park. Heart for the Nations is a school of ministry recently born out of ongoing revival at Church of the Resurrection, which is pastored by our friends Jim and Ramona Rickard. This church has become a spiritual "water-

ing hole" for the body of Christ all over the region. We have been asked to teach the school of prayer there, and are honored to do so. Would you like to be part of it?

The School of Prayer will take place on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., starting September 25, following a Prayer Conference September 15-18. (We apologize to any of you that have Wednesday night activities at your church. It was the only night that would work at Heart for the nations.) We are calling it simply "Basic Training for Prayer Warriors" I, II, and III. This means three ten week quarters — Part I this fall, Part II in the winter, and Part III in the spring. We will also teach it on Monday mornings for full-time students. Call **566-7411 (Church of the Resurrection) if you would like to enroll!** The cost will be \$60.00 tuition for each quarter. It is a great opportunity for us to have this extended time to put into others what the Lord has put into us. Some of you have been in our schools of prayer in the past. This one, lasting all year, will give much more time for in depth teaching, ministry, and discipleship. We're excited about it...and thanks, Heart for the Nations, for giving us this opportunity!

Please pray for the Lord's anointing on the school and that He will draw the students He wants. I (John) will be the main teacher, and Jackie will help as the Lord directs. We desire His Word to come through clearly, to see students set free and healed in their hearts, and for a greater spirit of prayer and intercession to be imparted to us all! Worship, teaching, prophetic impartation, personal ministry, and participation in many kinds of prayer: all this and more will be in this school of prayer, with God's help!

### **Continuing to go to the nations...**

We are continuing our call to the nations, and will be travelling, the Lord willing, near the end of each quarter of the school of prayer. We hope to be

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in Ukraine in the fall, India in the winter, and Indonesia next August, with a stopover in China somewhere in the schedule. We are thinking the June time frame would be good for an outreach locally or within the USA. In each outreach we are praying for others to join us. We will add specific information as it comes. Certain other countries are on our hearts as well, and we don't know what to do with those concerns as of now. Will you help us by praying for God's clear purposes to be fulfilled? Our concerns are still the same: unreached peoples; care and support of missionaries, new churches, young pastors and workers; and raising up prayer on behalf of them all!

### **My (John's) secret desire for the Twin Cities...**

In the Twin Cities, our primary concern is to promote more united intercessory prayer. I have carried a personal goal in the secret place of my heart for a long time — which I suppose won't be a secret if I tell you about it, but here it is: my desire is to see *more than 300 Twin Cities churches united in unceasing intercession....for each other, for our city and nation, and for the world!* Will you pray with me for the fulfillment of what I believe is a dream from the Lord?

### **Our wonderful treasure...you!**

It is with your help and God's grace that we have been able to continue in the work of ministry ... and oh, how we would like to accomplish more for His glory! Sometimes we sort of collapse, and it seems like we can go no farther. (That's how we felt this spring.) Then from somewhere comes a fresh wind, a new grace, another door to step through. I call it resurrection life! When it happens, we remember how much our lives ride on His wings of love, **AND we then suspect somebody has been praying for us!** ...perhaps you? Once again, we know down deep inside, that it is the love of God and the love of his friends like you that will continue to be our **Lifeline!** And for those who support us financially, thank you. As during last summer, timely gifts have literally put food on our table.

### **Some prayer items:**

1. For the funds needed to attend the Sweden school of prophetic prayer. 10% has come in as of today. God has a few days to bring in the rest. He is faithful and gloriously wonderful in His surprising ways!!!
2. Two very large financial deficits:
  - a. From our three months in Asia last winter.
  - b. From Jackie's surgery in June.
3. For many people to attend our school of prayer at Heart for the Nations, who are hungry for God.
4. For the unction to write the small books that need to accompany our teaching ministry. It is a project long overdue.
5. For anointed November, March, June and August outreach plans to come into place.
6. For wisdom and leading of the Spirit in our coordination of the Chantik prayer summits — December in Denver, August '97 in Indonesia, and beyond... The work of communication is increasing worldwide.
7. For a fax machine, and certain computer hardware and software to be able to adequately communicate globally.
8. That the level of united prayer in our Twin Cities be raised much higher, and that we know our part in it.

We are so grateful for your concern, for your prayer, and for those of you who are able to support us financially. We are keenly aware that our ministry rests, not on our own wisdom and abilities, but on God's grace and presence, and the help of others like you. Thank you.

With love,

*John and Jackie*