



# Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

September 26, 2001



Dear friends,

*“God is our refuge, and God is our strength; a very present help in trouble; therefore will we not fear, though the earth should change, and the mountains be carried into the heart of the sea.”* Psalms 46:1

The Bible seems even more true when trouble arrives. The promises stand out more clearly, the commands seem more urgent. The Bible was written to a world in trouble. Certainly our world is that. It has been in trouble for a very long time. We give thanks to God for being the Very Present Help!

September 11 will be a date long remembered. Hopefully it will be remembered as the day we decided to put more trust in God and His Word, and less trust in natural things and our natural mind.

I appreciate how one of our friends offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God – for being the restrainer of evil, not the instigator of it. Had the planes hit lower on the towers, many more thousands would have perished. And we are thankful for the probability of courageous people on one downed airliner who may have saved the nation’s capital and prevented more loss of life.

We have yet to know how much these events will alter lives and history, but we can be assured that it has not altered God, nor His Word, nor His will, nor His love for all men. It only emphasizes the truth of the Bible, that we should not live for this world alone, but for eternity. We sang this song in our youth:

With eternity’s values in view, Lord,  
With eternity’s values in view;  
May I do each day’s work for Jesus  
With eternity’s values in view.

The main work of Jesus is in saving souls and making men ready for eternity. Somehow, this seems even more important than it did a few weeks ago. We want to continue to be part of that most wonderful enterprise, and hope you do as well.

Thank you for praying for us, and for continuing to support our ministry as the Lord leads you.

**We are planning to leave, by God’s grace, for another outreach to Ukraine on October 11, just two weeks from now.** As always, our dependency is on the Lord, who must provide for all our needs. We know that He uses His friends (like you) to pray for us, and to trust God with us for all the needs to be met.

As of this writing we still need all of the travel funds, and a major breakthrough in our personal finances. Thank you for standing with us in faith for the Lord’s provision.

In Ukraine, we will teach in the Bible School, celebrate with the churches the purchase and restoration of several buildings for their use (thanks to the giving of our friends), and help open new churches in Kharkov. We will also be involved in evangelism, prayer for the sick, and encouraging the leaders. If possible, we’d like to visit one or more of the new prison churches, which takes special government permission. Our friends Steve and Marilyn Hill, missionaries based in Holland, will be with us part of the time.

Looking to the Lord for His guidance in everything, we remember this: the safest place to be is in the will of God.

We are trusting God for you, for the protection of the Lord and His blessing in your life and family. Thanks for your friendship.

With love,  
**John and Jackie**

