



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



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Dear friends,

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

***In America, today is "April Fools' Day".***

It is a day to play a trick on someone, or to make someone look like a fool. There is a computer virus on the loose that will supposedly rise up today from its hiding place in computers all over the world and make technological fools of us all.

As of this moment, my laptop computer on which I am writing has not humiliated me with the April 1 virus. But then, my computer makes a fool of me almost every day, even without a virus!

Now consider the bigger problem. No one wants to look foolish. Avoiding that is a primary motivation of the human psyche. Many people will do anything to avoid looking or feeling foolish.

For those who want to have faith in God, it is a problem to overcome. Many in our 21st century culture think every day is "fools day" for believers in Jesus and the Bible.

Some have shrunk from faith because someone made them feel like a fool. Even "faithful" Christians will sometimes back away from steps of faith that might make them look foolish!

However, God will have the last word on who is really the fool!

*For God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find God through human brilliance, and then he stepped in and saved all those who believed His message, which the world calls foolish and silly.* 1 Cor. 1:21 TLB

*Notice among yourselves, dear brothers, that few of you who follow Christ have big names or power or wealth.*

*Instead, God has deliberately chosen to use ideas the world considers foolish and of little worth in order to shame those people considered by the world as wise and great.*

*He has chosen a plan despised by the world, counted as nothing at all, and used it to bring down to nothing those the world considers great, so that no one anywhere can ever brag in the presence of God.* 1 Cor. 1:26-29 TLB

*But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us.*

*They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in.*

*But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all.*

*1 Cor. 2:14-15 The Living Bible*

Don't back away from a life of faith in God and obedience to His Word from fear of looking foolish. Lighten up inside! Stop worrying what others think of you, and don't let your mind stop you from believing and obeying the Lord.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5

God is no fool, and following Him with all your heart, your strength and all your mind will in the end be the smartest thing you ever did!

***Thank you for your friendship...***

Even if you only read our letters, we think it is an awesome thing! When you pray for us, the simplest words of faith out of your mouth can move a mountain! Pray according to what the Holy Spirit puts in your heart and your mouth.

A big thanks to those of you who give financially to this ministry. We remain unsalaried by anyone, and totally depend on the Lord and His friends to send the financial supply which is needed.

There is no financial collapse in the kingdom of God, and His promises to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory are not dependent on the world's economy. Just follow His leading, and follow His instructions for using your finances. He is your faithful Heavenly Father, and He will never, never fail you.

With love,  
**John and Jackie**

*John and two pastors will go together to Ukraine, planning to leave May 14. Jehovah Jireh!!*