



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

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Dear friends,

We greet you once again in the wonderful name of Jesus! He is our Shelter in the time of storm, our Provider, our Source of Comfort, our Peace, and our Joy.

As it has been said for generations, *"The future is as bright as the promises of God."*

There is no doubt that the world is in trouble. The economic crisis is not only in the USA, but worldwide.

However, you are also a citizen of another world. You are connected to another economic base -- the unshakable kingdom of God!

God is not in need of a "bailout". He still owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the wealth in every mine! Furthermore, His silver and gold have not left the planet.

Consequently, as a follower of Jesus, as person of faith, the proper response to the emergency in the world is to remain faithful to God and trust Him with all your heart.

If ever there was a time for confidence in God, it is now. There has been no change with Him. He remains faithful. So will you.

The Christian perspective on these days is found in Isaiah 60:1-3:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear to you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

Difficult times do not automatically mean worse times for the Church of Jesus Christ. Once you come close to God, and remove yourself from misplaced hope in the world around you, the light within you and in the Church gets brighter.

Throughout history, the true strength of the Lord in His people has risen in the face of opposition and difficult circumstances. So it will be for you and for the Church in our generation.

What can you look for in 2009? The unveiling of what you have always known to be true: the

goodness and faithfulness and mercy and kindness of your Father, and the proving over and over of His faithful Word to you.

"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." Heb. 13:5

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Heb. 13:8

"Casting all your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

"The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease; His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

Lam. 3:22,23

"Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Will Provide." Gen. 22:14

"He prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies....Surely (ONLY) goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" Ps. 23:5,6

"He who dwells in the secret place of the most High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Ps. 91:1

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself." Matt 6:33-34

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19

We have five international trips on the calendar for this year, and are ready for more because Jehovah really is Jireh!

In addition to mission travel, we will continue to teach the Blood Covenant foundation of Jesus Christ wherever God opens the door.

As we face the challenges of going forward in God's vision for our life and ministry, we stand with you in faith for the challenges of your life. Keep looking forward in hope, in faith and in love!

Thank you for your support in prayer and in finances. God continues to be overwhelmingly merciful and faithful!

With love,
John and Jackie

"Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the very ends of the earth Your possession." Ps. 2:8