



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



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Dear friends,

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

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Are you keeping your eyes "fixed on Jesus" as you look ahead in 2009?

"...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..."

Hebrews 12:1,2

We all know the world is in trouble. The economies of nations are shaking, and war and terrorism are flaring in various places.

Jesus said these things would all take place.

He said,

"You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes."

Matthew 24:6,7

He also said that, by staying close to Him, you will have peace.

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Your heavenly Father has promised to take care of you in every circumstance:

"Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID..."

Hebrews 13:5,6

Jesus commands you to not worry about anything, and His Word instructs you how to do it:

"Do not worry then, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear for clothing?" For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 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.

Matthew 6:31-34

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6,7

God's covenant of blessing and protection is not dependent on the world being at peace. In fact, God's promises seem to come alive more and more in difficult times.

We have found some of the happiest people living in very difficult places around the world!

You can enjoy life, living above worry for yourself and your family, by trusting in the Lord at all times, and continually casting your cares on Him.

You can know the comfort of God that is not dependent on pleasant circumstances. Comfort comes from His presence.

You can also have the joy of helping others find their comfort and peace through God's love.

There is no other good news, no other truthful message, that brings hope for this life and for eternity.

Only Jesus has the power of salvation in His blood. No one else in the world has even offered to forgive and save and protect, like God has offered to all through Jesus!

We encourage you to lift up your eyes and look at the people of the world, and be concerned that everyone may know God's love through Jesus.

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The missionary view of end-times...

Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."

Matthew 24:14

For this reason, Jesus propels His Church to go to ALL NATIONS, especially to the people and nations who have not yet heard the gospel!

We have attached an important map of the world, which shows the progress of the gospel in the world. Look especially at the "red zone". In the "red zone" are the people farthest removed from the good news about Jesus.

God will have people from all nations in heaven!
Revelation 5:9, 7:9

An opportunity to support a missionary family in the "red zone":

Our friends R and A, with their four children (names withheld for security) live deep in the "red zone", the part of the world least reached with the gospel.



They live in war torn Afghanistan, reaching out with love and the good news of Jesus every day of their lives.

R and A are from an ethnically similar neighboring country. They speak the same language and easily blend in.

Saved through supernatural visitations of the Lord Jesus, they work with amazing joy and complete abandonment to God.

They now lead five groups of believers in this country where conversion often means death. They themselves have faced death several times, and God has supernaturally delivered them.

Large numbers of Afghans are very hungry for the Lord and they need a chance to hear the same good news that you have heard!

Financial support is desperately needed in order for R and A to continue to work in Afghanistan. We want to raise \$1000 a month for this pioneering family. Will you help them be able to stay where God has placed them?

If 20 families can give \$50 a month, the need will be met. Any amount will help them. We believe God can provide extra seed for sowing!

Please indicate your decision to be a partner with R and A on the attached response form.



Will you agree with us in faith that the financial goal for R&A will be met?



Thank you... Can you find John and Gregory?

We are very grateful for your love, and your prayer and financial support. May you know the supernatural peace and provision that God gives in this new year. It is a great time to be alive!

With love,
John and Jackie

p.s. John leaves for Ukraine, by God's grace, on Jan 22: pastors' conference, teaching, meetings with churches and leaders. Pray!