



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



May 28, 2010

Dear friends,

Greetings again in the name of Jesus! You are a great blessing to us!

The joy of adjusting plans...

I (John) was scheduled to go to Ukraine on May 20, but as the day drew near, I reluctantly postponed the trip.

As I prepared to travel, I realized that urgent matters required me to stay home. Simply put, we've recently had a large reduction in our financial support. However, by God's grace and your help, I will make my 51st trip to Ukraine in July.

The joy of not quitting, ever...

In spite of these present circumstances, we fully intend to continue in the ministry that God has entrusted us. Much of the God given vision is yet to be fulfilled. We need your help more than ever before.

We are commissioned to serve God's harvest among the nations. For us, this means assisting church planters and new churches. Our task is to solidly lay the foundation of full redemption in Jesus Christ. *"For no foundation can be laid other than that which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ."* 1 Cor. 3:11

The joy of writing...

The fulfillment of our vision requires writing our teachings with cross cultural understanding, to be published in other languages. Much of this writing and publishing vision is still ahead of us. Our intention is to concentrate on this more than ever before. I (John) am the writer, and Jackie the editor. Were it not for Jackie's excellent and time consuming editing, my writing would be...inferior.

The joy of praying...

I (John) have had a long habit of early morning prayer in our Twin Cities. The Twin Cities is a metropolitan area made up of more than 130 cities, not just Minneapolis and St. Paul. I hesitate in revealing this, but my favorite time and place to pray for the city is in the 6-8 a.m. rush hour traffic.

I can't explain why I have experienced the most powerful presence of the Lord praying in the city traffic during several thousand mornings in

the past years. I've logged more than 150,000 miles of prayer in and around the Twin Cities. I don't recommend you to do this, unless the Spirit directs you. You may just get anointed with road rage, instead of prayer!

The joy of serving God's harvest!

Serving God's harvest in Ukraine and beyond its borders these last 16 years has been an unforgettable adventure with the Holy Spirit!

God continues to move among the Churches of Praise. After several years of rapid evangelism and church planting, the last two or three years have been like a "breather" to strengthen leaders and 185 churches.

Last fall I heard many of the pastors express an urgent desire to move out again in opening new churches. Realizing it was God's timing, Gregory set a goal to open 30 churches in 2010.

The expanding vision requires more from us. God has also placed on our heart to lay the same strong foundations in other nations. We cannot do our part unless you help us.

The joy of partnership...

We need a stronger team of pray-ers and financial supporters. Will you pray for us? Will you join us as a financial partner or increase your giving?

An additional \$20.00 a month from half of those who receive our prayer letter would relieve our monthly deficit. An extra gift right now will help relieve a crisis. We expect miracles.

The joy of returning to Indonesia...

Jackie and I are scheduled to travel to Indonesia in late September/October to minister to church planting teams working in several areas of Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world. Our friends there have given their lives for the Muslims. (More in the next letter.)

Thank you for continuing to help us serve God's harvest. May His abundant grace and peace fill your heart and mind, and your mouth be filled with His praise!

With love,

John and Jackie