

Dear Partners,

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First, we want to thank you partners for standing with us as we reach souls for the Kingdom of God! Our highest priority is to depopulate hell and populate heaven with saints every single day! We cannot do it without you. Our vision, our goal, **our highest calling is to see people saved, set free and delivered** from the enemy's grip and turn them over to Jesus!

What is your vision? What promises has God given to you? Are you still in the "waiting period" and wondering when the promise God spoke to your heart will be fulfilled? We are here to tell you not to lose hope! When God spoke to us to leave the communist regime in Romania in 1978, we obeyed. We left with the clothes on our back and a desire to be used by God. We held fast to that vision and the fire that burned in our hearts for the lost, but it wasn't until 1987 that the Lord gently reminded us of what we had promised Him. You see, when we escaped Romania, we promised the Lord that we would go wherever He wanted us to go and tell people about the love of Jesus. From the time we first became saved, we knew we were called to Ministry. When the Lord brought this to our attention 8 years later, we were running a successful business in southern California, raising our growing family and waiting on God to tell us what to do next. John was occasionally preaching in the local churches, but we knew that it was not all that God had in store for us. We would often wonder, "Lord, is there more to life than this."

We never lost our vision of bringing souls into the Kingdom, but we were in the process of **building our faith foundation during this waiting period**. We knew it would be a sacrifice, but we were willing to go all the way. It is so important **not** to despise the waiting period, but to embrace it. It's often during the waiting period that most people do one of two things: 1) Give up hope and veer off in the wrong direction, questioning **if** they really heard from God correctly or 2) Press into God and develop a rock solid faith foundation that they will stand firm on when they step into their calling. It's during the waiting period that a lot of God's children walk away from the vision and calling that the Lord put on their lives but Isaiah 40 tells us that those who **HOPE** in the Lord will renew their strength! **"They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."** Looking back now, we are so thankful that God had enough patience with us to get us to where He wanted us before John Militararu Ministries was born in 1990.

The waiting period is us getting into the Word of God and the only way to get closer to our calling. Being immersed in the Word by listening, reading, meditating on, speaking and thinking on the Word is what builds the faith foundation for the calling God has for you. Matthew 7:24 talks about putting the Word of God into practice and building our foundation on the rock; the Rock represents the Word of God. And if our foundation is built on the Word of God, we can be sure that whenever the storm comes, we will not be shaken. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 it explains why we need the word: **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."**

Remember the promise that God made with Abraham? That he would multiply his descendents? Abraham was 75 years old when God revealed that he would be the father of many nations. He told him to leave his country and family and go in the land God would show him. Fifteen years later, when Abraham was 90, God renewed his promise. Ten years later, at the age of 100, Abraham and his wife Sarah finally had their son, Isaac. That's a total of twenty-five years before Abraham saw the fulfillment of God's promise. Was God unjust for making Abraham wait until he was 100? No! God wanted to prove that He was God and that with Him ALL things are possible; even having a baby at such an old age. Abraham never gave up on the promise God made to him.

Here is what Hebrews 6 says about Abraham: **And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise...This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast."**

We have this HOPE in Jesus and in the promises of His Word! David said it like this, **"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope."** (Ps.130:5) We cannot lose hope in the promises that God has for us. We cannot lose heart and decide that our way is better than God's way. When the Lord spoke to us to pack up our young family and move to a place that we had never lived before, we obeyed the prompting of the Holy Spirit. We sold all of our possessions and followed after God, remembering the promise we made to Him when we escaped Romania. And most importantly remembering the vision He put on our hearts to see souls saved. We moved from southern California and He directed our family of 5 into a small 900 square foot home in Placerville where we built up our foundation in the Word, feeding ourselves on Christian programs, teachings and books. We were building our *faith*. During this time, we volunteered to work for a Christian television station for 2 years, offering to do whatever they asked of us, and waiting for further direction from God. God's timing is perfect. At this point we didn't know how, where or when the Lord would lead us into the fullness of our calling, but we knew we had to **be obedient to serve where He planted us for the appointed time**. As we were trying to balance Ministry, raising a family and everyday life, we were working different jobs and our income wasn't steady. But we trusted the Lord every step of the time. This Ministry was born in that little 900 square foot home!

Do not despise the small beginnings! It's during those times of day by day faith that God is working on our foundation. We may not see the light at the end of the tunnel and we may often question, "God, where are you? You promised me so many things but everything is at a standstill." Oh but God is good! He is faithful and true to His promises and the Word of God says that God watches over His word until it is fulfilled or some translations use the word accomplished (Jer. 1:12). When we get a hold of that **Word** we can remain in it and never lose hope until what was promised is accomplished!

This is applicable for every believer out there. **Everyone has a calling on their lives**; all businessmen, all moms and dads, all singles and teachers and grandparents. By plugging ourselves in the Word of God, He will show us and direct us exactly where He wants us to go. The Bible says that God has set in the church apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists, but He has commissioned every one of His born-again children to take the Gospel to every human being (Eph 4:11). And God has some very specific plans for each and every one of us.

The reason why the Lord put this on our heart this month is because He wants us ALL to have a strong faith foundation in Him, regardless of who we are and what stage of life we're in. ***We have to build that strong faith foundation so that WHEN the storms and problems of life come our way, we will not be washed away!*** We are honored to be part of the harvest of souls here at JMM. Next month we will continue the rest of our testimony of how God took us to the next step of the journey and the building up of JMM. We trust that your faith and your soul have been stirred up as you wait for the next step in your own life. We are so grateful for each and every one of you! Your partnership means the world to us and we could not reach the lost for the Kingdom without you!

"...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:5-6)

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John & Alexandra and the JMM team