

Dear Partners,

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It's been an exciting spring here at JMM! As promised last month, we want to share a little bit of John's overseas mission trip from the month of April. He had the opportunity to preach the Gospel in the Republic of Moldova near its capital, Chisinau. Many people in that area watch our programs on the AlfaOmega TV network and we were honored to be able to go in person and minister to them. Living conditions in this part of the world are very primitive and take some adjusting to say the least. Running water is scarce and when available it has a strong smell of gasoline. It was hard to accommodate to this life but despite it all, the joy of winning souls for Christ far outweighs the inconveniences. The hunger for the Word of God and for the Holy Spirit was evident in the meetings. The evangelistic meetings began at 6pm and wouldn't end until midnight almost every night. There was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and people were getting saved, healed, delivered and filled with the Holy Spirit every night! What a wonderful privilege and opportunity it was to spend 4 days there and bring them the Word of God!

We have an incredible testimony from a local pastor of a little church in the Republic of Moldova. The Lord spoke to this pastor several years ago and told him to move from the United States to the Republic of Moldova where he was to pastor a church. He was obedient to the call of God on his life and left the comfort of America for a little village in this little country. John noticed this pastor limping when he picked him from the border, but waited for the right opportunity to ask him why. After eating lunch one day while John was praying for others to be healed, John approached this pastor and asked him why he walked with a limp. He explained that he suffered from spinal disc herniation which is a tear in the outer ring of the spine. This causes the central portion of the disk ring to bulge out. Two of his disks were protruding out 6 and 7mm on each side. This caused excruciating pain and the doctors told him there was nothing they could do to treat it. When asked if he believed that God could heal him, his reply was that it would be almost impossible for him to be healed. John told him that all things were possible with God and started praying for him. He immediately felt an electric surge go through his body and felt heat in his back in the area where the herniated disk was. He began to feel his bones aligning as John prayed for him and he was completely healed! He was free from pain after many years and could now bend down and touch his toes without pain! What a mighty God we serve!

James 5:15-16 says this about the sick being healed, *"Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well....pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."*

The Holy Spirit unites believers as one and then manifests Himself in signs and wonders. When the disciples were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost they were united in love, in spirit and like-minded. They expected the move of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus Himself in the book of John. Jesus' instructions were very specific about the disciples NOT leaving Jerusalem until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that they would receive the power necessary for the journey ahead. Not only would the Holy Spirit empower them, but He would unite them in such a unique way than ever before. So what was so special about the gathering in the upper room? If we look at Acts chapter 2 verse 1, the NKJV tells us "they were all with one accord, in one place." In Philippians 2:2, Apostle Paul describes being in one accord like this, *"being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."* Being in one accord meant they were united in *all* things.

What a beautiful picture of unity and oneness. The disciples were the perfect example of “all for one and one for all.” As Christians we are called to be like-minded, having the same love, being one spirit and of one mind. The Holy Spirit came upon them *while* they were in one accord. **When we are in one accord we invite the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.** Far too many churches are missing out on the signs and wonders that the Holy Spirit is aching to perform because He isn’t welcome. Had the 120 disciples not been patient to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the day of Pentecost would have been a whole different story. They remained in Jerusalem, *in one accord, having the same love and of one mind, waiting patiently and eagerly* for the promised Holy Spirit. And like the disciples in the upper room, the people in the Republic of Moldova were hungry for the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. They welcomed the Holy Spirit because they believed that miracles and healings would take place.

There are a lot of reasons why we need the Holy Spirit as believers. He was sent here for our benefit so that we could feed from His invaluable wisdom and insight in our everyday lives. The problem is that many Christians and churches have rejected Him instead of accepting all that He has to offer. The Holy Spirit is the representation of the Father and of Jesus on earth today. He is the manifestation of the Deity and yet so few acknowledge His presence in their lives. Perhaps that’s the reason we see so much division and discord among the body of Christ today; a vast difference from what occurred in the book of Acts on the day of Pentecost. As we approach Pentecost at the beginning of June, let each one of us examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Have we invited Him to be an active participant in our everyday lives? Do we expect the manifestations of healings and deliverances like the disciples did in the upper room or like the churches in Moldova did? Do we allow Him to guide us at home, in school, in our marriages, in our businesses and our everyday walk? **We desperately need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the times we live in today like never before. We need our children, leaders and churches all over the world to experience the Holy Spirit in a personal way.** Let’s *expect* Him like we do when we prepare a meal for guests at our home. He can barely wait to come and invade our lives!

Besides the door being opened in Moldova, John revisited the area of Darabani where we’ve been going for the past 4 years for our annual Christmas project. Three evangelistic crusades were held in Darabani; it’s so exciting to see a great movement sweeping this part of Romania! We are so excited that the Lord is allowing opportunities like this for us to revisit these areas.

We thank you partners for *all* your support and for sending John on these missions. **We know that you will receive the same reward as if you had gone there yourself and preached the Gospel.** We ask you to continue to support us in prayer for doors like this to continue to be open for us to take the Word of God to the ends of the earth!

Consider being part of our Children’s Ministry project. Most of our partners are familiar with our yearly outreach at Christmas where we put together packages for impoverished children in remote areas of Romania. This year is our biggest yet! We believe for **4000 teddy bears** and while we don’t have the finances in the general budget yet, we know that God will make a way! We’re asking you to partner with us for this great project. Currently we are looking to **purchase these teddy bears for \$0.70/each** from a large company on the east coast. If you feel like the Holy Spirit is leading you to step out in faith for this project, please be obedient. We will believe God together with you for all *your* needs as you sow into this Ministry.

Great things are happening this year at JMM and we want you to be part of it! We encourage you to check out our YouTube channel- John Militaru Ministries. And you can always find us on Facebook where we post videos, news, spots and general information about the Ministry. Stay connected! If you need prayer, we encourage you to reach out and call or email to us. **We take prayer requests very seriously** and pray over each and every partner as the seeds and prayer requests come in! We love you and we pray all of God’s blessings over you and your family!

In Christ,

John & Alexandra and the JMM team