



Dear Partners,

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We can't believe it's already September and we're heading into the fall season. We're writing this newsletter on the day that the President has declared the National Day of Prayer for the victims in the Houston area that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are thankful to have a President that stands on the Word of God and prayer for our Nation. We're thankful to God that in the midst of turmoil and disaster the entire country has come together in unity to help their fellow American's despite their differences. We support numerous Ministries that are helping the disaster relief in Houston and **we encourage you to give whatever God puts on your heart to the any Christian ministries/organizations that help the victims of this horrible natural disaster** (Gal. 6:7). It's so encouraging to see that the body of Christ has come together like never before to help those who are in great need. Social media has helped spread the word in supporting this effort and we give God the glory for that! In our Ministry and our family we have been praying for the families who have lost everything. We believe God for a quick recovery and turnaround for each one of those affected by this catastrophic hurricane. We are continually praying for God's protection against ANY natural disasters including fires on the west coast, hurricanes on the east coast including the Gulf of Mexico, flooding and tornadoes. Please join us in praying against these natural disasters and for God's light to ultimately shine through each believer. We want people to see that we serve a good God and that we can put our trust in Him every single day.

We believe for divine protection even here where JMM is based in the foothills of northern California. For those of you who are not familiar with this area, we go through a period of 6 months or more without any rain and high temperatures. This causes severe fire threats that can destroy acres of land and homes. Each year the Lord tells us to walk around our property, anoint it and pray for divine protection. We are obedient to God to drive around the surrounding canyon that we live on, praying for God's protection on all the homes and properties around us. We do all that we can do in the natural but we leave the rest in God's hands, trusting Him. *When we have done everything in our power, we rest in God to do His part.* **Resting in God means trusting His provision.** Hebrews 4:11 tells us that we have to labor to enter into His rest. We can't trust God without resting in God.

We learned this many years ago when God told us to learn to trust Him on our journey. Many times God told us to do certain things that didn't make sense in the natural but we went ahead and obeyed Him anyway. Immediately after the communist regime fell, the Lord opened the door for us to travel to Romania every summer and evangelize southern Romania. This was the birth of JMM. In the beginning of this journey we were new to this faith walk but He took us step by step. At first He told us to go forward and purchase the tickets for our family of 5 even though we had no money in the bank account. To some people it may sound foolish but we were obedient to God because He told us to do so. He came through and provided the money before leaving on our trip. We were in awe! The next step was renting a car for our family because in those days we couldn't fly directly to Romania so we had to stop somewhere in Western Europe and travel to Romania by car. Someone there locally helped us reserve the car with their credit card. At this time we had no money but we knew we had to pay for the rental when we returned the car. At the end of our mission trip that year a stranger handed us an envelope with enough cash to cover all the remaining expenses! What an awesome God we serve!

Our first trip to Romania was a leap of faith and we learned to trust God knowing that in some way or another He would provide because He promised that He would come through. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 55:11 that God's word will never return void but it will accomplish what He pleases. *We trusted in that word and God never failed us.*

From those early days of obeying God, we learned what it meant to trust God in this Ministry. Our faith began to increase day by day. Last month the Lord reminded us of our faith foundation in those early days. Hebrews 10:23 says, “**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)**” When we decide to trust God and walk by faith, He doesn't give us too much at first because our carnal mind can't handle it. He gives us a little at a time so we can start to develop our faith. While our faith is being developed, our trust in Him begins to deepen. ***The only way to sharpen our faith is by the daily confession of the Word*** like we read in Hebrews 10. The Bible also tells us in Hebrews 11:6 that it's impossible to please God without faith. This doesn't just apply to ministers or missionaries, it applies to everyone. It applies to people at work believing for promotion and an increase in salaries, businessmen believing for increase in their business, students believing God that they will pass every class each semester and receive that diploma, singles believing God for their mates, families believing God for children. What we're trying to emphasize is that **we all need to walk by faith and learn to trust God**. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). We have to build up our spirit man through faith so we can overcome the wiles of the enemy in our everyday walk (Eph 6:11).

We are so thankful to be part of the harvest of the work of God. Through our obedience in those early days, there are now churches in almost every single village that we evangelized during that time. Even to this day, 27 years later, we receive phone calls from people in those areas thanking us for coming into their part of the world and introducing them to Jesus. Most of them now watch our programs online and feed on the word through this Ministry. ***We are so honored to have been a vessel for in the Kingdom of God*** and will continue to do so until the Lord's coming.

An update on our Christmas project: we are now raising money for the chocolate, airplane tickets and gas for the trip. The teddy bears have been organized and separated into boxes and are ready to be shipped this month. Please keep this project in your prayers! John is preparing to leave for another overseas trip this month and we ask that you keep him in your prayers also. ***We pray for divine protection and a great harvest of souls!***

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John & Alexandra and the JMM team