



Dear Partners,

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This is such a wonderful time of the year! The time of the year when the leaves start falling, the weather begins to change and when JMM is hard at work preparing for our annual Children's Project! This is such an exciting time for us and we know it is for you too. In the last couple of months we shared with you what has been shipped overseas from the US: combs, toothbrushes and the rest of the teddy bears we had left from last year and thank God that everything arrived safely. We are in the process of negotiating a good price for the various sweets that we're buying overseas. We have already purchased the rest of the 2500 needed teddy bears from Europe. Please continue to keep this project in your daily prayers! We did things a little differently this year because the majority of the items were purchased overseas so we could save on the overseas freight.

Finances are still needed for the airfare when our team will fly overseas and we're believing God for every expense that we're still facing for the project. **It's not too late to be involved in this outreach!** If you have never been a part of this project, we encourage you to step out in faith and give however the Holy Spirit instructs you. Maybe you have been part of this harvest in the past years and the Holy Spirit is telling you to be a hand extended again this year. Whatever the case may be, we want you to know that YOU make this project possible. We are the ones to physically go on these trips and we use these goody bags as a tool to help us reach the forgotten with the Gospel of Jesus in remote areas of Romania, **but YOU have just as much of a reward for your part in this harvest.** In 1 Samuel 30:24 the Bible says this about the reward of those who stay behind,

"The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

We believe this verse applies to every single one of our partners because as our partners, you have entered into a partnership with us. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines partnership as this: the state of being a partner : participation. We take partnership very seriously here at JMM and we pray over each one of you every day. As our partners, you have a right to every single harvest of souls that we win for the Kingdom as we do, with the same measure as us. It's only through the power of the Holy Spirit that you got connected with John Militaru Ministries and with the work that the Lord has put us in charge of. You are the ones that make it all possible. Thank you for your support of this Ministry. Without you we couldn't do what we have done all those years and counting.

The Holy Spirit is the power and the inspiration behind everything that we do here at JMM. He is our primary Partner. From the prayers that are sent up to God while we pray with desperate people on the phone to the programs that are recorded and sent all over the world through the airways, the Holy Spirit is in control of everything we do. He is the one that inspires us when we pray, when we speak, when produce programs, when we write the newsletters, etc. Does every Christian have access to the Holy Spirit? YES! In fact, **the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is in every believer.** That simply means that the moment you received Jesus as your Savior, God, through the Holy Spirit, took up permanent residence in your heart.

Ephesians 1:13 is specific about the exact moment we receive the Holy Spirit: *"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."* This month we want to talk to you about some of the roles of the Holy Spirit. He has many roles in the life of the believer but we will focus on 3 points this month.

1. The Holy Spirit opens the believer's understanding to spiritual truths

In 1 Corinthians 2:14 Apostle Paul talks about understanding the things of the Holy Spirit, *"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (MEV)."* The things of the Spirit may sound foolish to the outside world but to us who are filled with Him, they are life. The Holy Spirit is the One who guides us when we are reading the Bible so we can understand the Scriptures and how to apply them to our lives.

2. The Holy Spirit empowers the believer in everything

Before Jesus was taken up to heaven in Acts chapter 1, He gave the apostles a very important instruction: They were not to leave Jerusalem until they received the filling of the Holy Spirit. Once they received that filling, they would receive **power**. It was through that power that Peter and the other apostles were able to lay hands on the sick and they recovered. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that the apostles were able to spread the Gospel of Christ all over the world. And it is through that same power that we, as believers of Jesus, receive help and supernatural power in times of trouble (John 14:26-27).

3. The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin while giving peace

John 16:8 says, *"When He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment."* This verse is applicable to Christians also. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in our day to day activities and decisions, He will convict us of sin. It may be that you spoke harshly with a server or cashier at a restaurant, or maybe you told a small lie to someone without even thinking twice about it. The Holy Spirit is always there to convict us and correct us and put us on the right course. He will never condemn us though. His job is to lead us to the truth so that we can repent and move on. Condemnation on the other hand is from the enemy and we are to reject it whenever it tries to come. The difference between conviction and condemnation is that that conviction is from the Holy Spirit and leads us to repentance and condemnation is from the devil and leads us to criticize ourselves and leaves us in complete turmoil because of our sin. But thank God there is NO condemnation for us because we are in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:1)! It is actually the power of the Holy Spirit that frees us from the power of sin which brings death.

Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to guide every part of your life? Maybe you've never really given much thought to being led by the Holy Spirit and you've noticed that most of the decisions that you made weren't the right ones. Or maybe you give the Holy Spirit permission in some areas of your life but not all. We are here to tell you that **the only way to truly live a life full of joy and peace is through the Holy Spirit**. There is simply no other way. Remember when Apostle Paul and Silas were in prison in the inner dungeon with their feet clamped in stocks? It was the JOY in the Holy Spirit that began to work inside of them and they began to sing hymns to God (Acts 16). If Jesus Himself promised to leave us HIS joy and peace through the Holy Spirit, then we have to involve Him in our everyday life. Jesus had complete peace through the storm while He and the disciples were on the boat. He didn't get disturbed about the wind or the rain one bit. It was because He allowed the Holy Spirit to completely take over. We leave with the words of Jesus from John 14:27,

"Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]"

In Christ,

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