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The Great CommissionERS

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Happy Thanksgiving!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 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 1:3-6

Our dear friends, we hope this newsletter finds you healthy in your body and filled with the supernatural joy that comes from the love and goodness of God. Even in the most trying times of your lives, we are here to stand together with you. Apostle Paul's words are exactly how we feel and pray for each one of you every day. Our position in this Ministry is never a burden and we never take your needs and prayer requests lightly. We are honored that the Lord has chosen and allowed us to pray for your needs with love, compassion and gladness in our hearts. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we are reminded of how grateful we are for your faithful partnership. We're so honored that you have joined together with the vision of JMM to help us take the Gospel further and further. We also want to thank all who have supported us in fervent prayers and encouragement this year. We love and cherish each one of you more than our words could ever express. And most importantly, we are confident that He who began a good work in YOU, will perfect you and bring you into full completion! Thank you for coming alongside us to DEpopulate hell and populate heaven!

John and Claudia just returned from another impactful overseas trip where they had the privilege of ministering and praying for partners, friends of our virtual church, and new souls that were added to the kingdom. Many experienced the power and presence of God in a unique way. Many were delivered from demonic strongholds, healed from various sicknesses, pain, and mental illnesses. Others were touched by the presence of God and felt a fresh infilling of power from the Holy Spirit. We often remind you of the impact that this Ministry has on people because it's encouraging to us and gives us a boost to continue to send them the Seed of the Word through this Ministry (1 Peter 1:23). This is all because of your *partnership* and prayers. Throughout all the years of spreading the Good News to different parts of the world, we can see the parable of the sower that Jesus talked about in the Gospels come to life. It's very encouraging to us, and it is such an honor and privilege to see the seed that fell on the good ground yielding a hundred fold crop.

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. § Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. § Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. § Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." Luke 8:5-8

Our ultimate prayer and purpose as ambassadors of the most High God is to fall into the last seed category so we can yield a crop a hundred times more than was sown. The passion that burns in our hearts through this Ministry is to plant the incorruptible seed of the Word of God so that it can spread to others who will spread it to others and so on.

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. 1 Peter 1:23

Sadly we've also seen the seeds that have fallen on the other three grounds which have not produced a harvest. It's heartbreaking to witness this, but through our television programs, prayer line, newsletters and Facebook Lives we're here to encourage the body of Christ to strive to stay in the good soil that produces a great harvest. This Ministry reaches many people with the Gospel, but each one of you has a part to play in the Great Commission. We witnessed this during our last trip. We visited with a group of new believers that took the seed of the Word and spread it to their families, communities, Orthodox churches, workplaces and schools. Most of them are even getting together in their homes to have good 'ol fashioned church! It is so encouraging to see the Seed of the Word spreading like fire and making an impact on those in their little corner of the world.

Our dear friends, we have to strive to stay in the fourth seed family that Jesus talks about in the parable of the sower. We have to keep the fire of our first love (Rev. 2:4) burning inside of us by getting in agreement with God's Word, praying, and applying the Word to our lives *every day*. The only way to do this is to separate ourselves from the rest of the world, surround ourselves with like minded Christians, and prioritize the Word so we can establish *deep roots*. This is the only way we can avoid falling into the third seed category and doing our part to be the Great Commission *ers* that Jesus commanded us to be! On the other hand, if we surround ourselves with worldly people, confess curses instead of blessings, strive to satisfy the flesh with earthly pleasures, and worry about our riches and material possessions, we can easily fall into the third seed group and yield no fruit.

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. Luke 8:14

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the Word, making it unfruitful. Matthew 13:22

We're here to encourage you in these last couple of months of the year to NOT allow yourselves to be moved or consumed by the riches, cares and worries of this world so that the seed of the Word in you won't be choked out. Instead, we need to focus on the goodness of God and the richness of knowing and being known by Him. We need to be consistent in the Word and prayer daily, especially in the times of deception we're living in. If you feel like you've taken a detour from the path, God CAN turn it around for you! His Word has the power to do so because His Word is ALIVE and powerful (Hebrews 4:12)!

Alexandra and I want you to know how much we love you and how honored we are to be able to send the truth of His Word into the world and see the impact of the lives that are being changed every day. So, thank you for being part of our family of Christ here at JMM!

In His Service, John & Alexandra

PS- We can't end this newsletter without mentioning our dear friends in Israel. We may not understand what is happening, but we do know one thing: those that bless Israel *will* be blessed and we STAND with the people of Israel. Our deepest prayer is that Israel will recognize the Yeshua the Messiah and be saved!

The nation is like a mighty lion; when it is sleeping, no one dares wake it. Whoever blesses Israel will be blessed, and whoever curses Israel will be cursed. Numbers 24:9