



Partner Letter | February 2025

The voice of those who escaped from behind the iron curtain

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Dear friends,

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 partners, we hope this letter finds you healthy in your body and filled with the supernatural joy that comes from the love and goodness of God. Apostle Paul's prayer is exactly how we feel and pray for each one of you every day. We are honored that the Lord has chosen and allowed us to be part of the Great Commission! Each one of us has an assignment and a role to fulfill in the Great Commission, and we're honored that the Lord has called you alongside us as **partners** in this great call. We are confident that He who began a good work in YOU, will perfect you and bring you into full completion as you seek His kingdom first and foremost.

But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides (Matthew 6:33 AMPC).

At the beginning of this year the Lord laid this Scripture on our hearts and we shared it in our last letter to you. We feel the Holy Spirit leading us to carry it through the next few months and throughout the year as we learn what it means *to really seek His kingdom and His righteousness first* despite all the distractions, fear, worry, and cares of family and finances, and the many other challenges of everyday life.

During our family prayer time, the Lord gave us a word of knowledge of how the kingdoms of light and darkness manifest in our daily lives, and how important it is to seek Him first every single day. The Lord revealed a picture of how the Holy Spirit is waiting for us to welcome Him in and once He's welcomed, He then gently comes into our homes (Psalm 91:9-10). The Holy Spirit never forces Himself in; He waits for us to welcome Him in and then hovers over us like a soft, white blanket, and as light as a cloud. This is a true picture of how the Kingdom of Light wants to manifest in our lives. It's free, gentle, non invasive, peaceful and light. Everything is in harmony and unity. Then the Lord revealed a black tarp, which represented the kingdom of darkness, that appeared out of nowhere and it forced itself over the believer's home and pushed the white blanket away (Prov. 3:33, Matthew 12:25). Then without notice, it moved into the home, pitched a tent on all 4 sides of the house, trying to establish a permanent residence. The black tarp was the complete opposite of the Holy Spirit; you didn't even realize how fast it came in and forced away the presence of the Holy Spirit. The black tarp represents the enemy's influences: outside influences, distractions, fear, worries, doubt, financial insecurities, and on and on (Luke 8:14, Matthew 13:22). The Lord said the enemy can sneak in through any cracks he can find. We don't even realize that arguments, discord, confusion, anger, resentment, bad or degrading language, and all the works of the flesh allow these cracks to appear and they actually give satan an open invitation to come into our homes. Oftentimes catching the believer off guard. But by seeking His kingdom first and maintaining a clean and God-centered atmosphere, we welcome the Holy Spirit to come and make HIS dwelling in our homes and fellowship with us.

That's why it's so important to keep our homes spiritually "clean" from the contamination of the outside world (including the works of the flesh). Keeping God at the center of our homes is the most crucial thing we can do to avoid being a target of the enemy. Many of you have seen and heard our teachings of how to clean our homes spiritually by anointing them with oil (Isaiah 10:27). And you can have John, yourself, or any other teacher, preacher, priest or prophet come into your home and anoint it with oil every single day, but if you're not **doing your part in your own home** by controlling what you say, what you watch, what you listen to, and what you allow in your home, it won't have a lasting effect. Every day we need to bring our thoughts, words, work life, school life, cares and worries under the blood and at the feet of Jesus so that we don't give the enemy any reason to come into our homes and attack our families with division, arguments, discord, confusion and all other types of evil manifestations. In our family, we clarify the air and the atmosphere in our homes everyday to make sure that nothing from the day of phone calls, conversations, or influences from the outside will affect our homes *inside*. *This is how we keep our cracks sealed up daily in our homes.* We're not perfect though! There have been nights when we have been caught up with other things and forgot to cleanse our home from the day and anoint it with oil. Immediately when there was no peace in the house, the Holy Spirit gently reminded us to stop and bring everything under the blood of Jesus by clarifying our home.

We ARE the gatekeepers of our homes, and we have to protect what we allow to come in (Psalms 91:1-2, Prov. 24:3-4). We cannot control what happens outside of the 4 walls of our homes, but we can control what goes on INSIDE of our homes. If we are not intentional about how we clarify and cleanse the home spiritually, it gives legal rights for the kingdom of darkness to make a home and eventually create deeper issues in our lives that will be harder to control. But praise the Lord, no matter how big or small the cracks are in our lives, He is there, He is faithful and forgiving, and He welcomes us with open arms every single time we come before Him in repentance (1 John 1:9).

Like we mentioned in our last letter, let's be intentional this year, like never before, to seek Him first above everything else and keep Him at the center of our family and home! The picture of the Lord showed us of the Holy Spirit's desire to come in with His gentle, peaceful presence in our homes was a confirmation of the Scripture He gave us at the beginning of the year of seeking His kingdom first. If we remain in His Word and in communion with the Father (through the Holy Spirit), we will become IMMOVABLE and certain of His promises for us. *Remember, God will never disappoint or fail us when we put our trust and hope in Him above all* (Ps. 25:3). So no matter what 2025 holds for us or how many surprises are in store, if we stay close to our Father and remain steadfast in His Word, nothing will surprise, shock or move us! Steady on, fellow soldier of the Most High!

In His Service,
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