

Partner Letter

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Dear Partners,

Summer is in full swing! The days are longer, kids are out of school, families are taking vacations, visiting extended family, going camping, going to parks, traveling, etc. Taking time off work and from our busy schedules and spending time with family is healthy, and it gives us mental clarity away from our jobs to grow stronger family bonds and relationships. It's good for families to take time from their busy schedules during the summer months and focus on their families! The problem with summertime is that people often take a break from "regular life" while unintentionally also taking a break from their time with God. That's a strong statement, but the truth is that many people get more relaxed during the summer months in their prayer life, time in the Word and going to church (fellowshipping with other believers). People get so busy in the summer that most churches are empty, which has a ripple effect on financial support as well. For those who are involved in churches or ministries, you know that during the summer months financial support decreases. The Holy Spirit is leading us to write this letter to encourage our partners not to get too relaxed in our faith walk during the summer months. It makes it harder to get back on track if we allow too much time to pass and we're not feeding our spirit-man. And our problems will be waiting for us when we get back from vacation. But if we take a vacation God's way, Psalm 23:2 and Matthew 11:28 says that God will give us His provision of rest and refreshment for our souls, so that when we come back to our normal schedules, we'll come back relieved and not overwhelmed from all life's problems and burdens.

In Europe, people usually take the whole month of August off for their holiday. Here in America, people usually take their vacations sometime between June and August while the kids are out of school. All these things are good, fun and healthy! But remember, our faith walk (and our calling) should never take a vacation while we're on vacation, because we're in God's army and a soldier never lets his guard down. Our faith walk should get stronger while we're on vacation or on holiday. We all have a calling and purpose to fulfill here on earth and we should always be on guard and clothed in the full armor of God like a soldier in the army (Eph. 6). A soldier knows the minute he puts his guard down; the enemy could attack.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand (Ephesians 6:13).

Even during a time of peace, soldiers are still training and maintaining their strength so that when war does break out, they're ready for it. The Air Force doesn't learn how to fly the planes or strategize during the time of war! They become perfected in their skill during the time of peace. The same goes for all Christians in God's army. We cannot slack in our defense. We are to become skillful with the Word during the time of peace and rest (vacation time), so we are able to engage in war when the battle of the mind comes, or when the notice comes in the mail, or when you're hit with a bad medical report, or bad news from a family member. Our response to those reports determines

where our faith thermometer is! If we feed ourselves with the Word and remain consistent and strong in our faith walk, we won't react in our emotions (our carnal nature). Our spirit-man will rise up like a compass and direct our footsteps.

This takes us back to our golden verse of the year which says,

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).

This verse doesn't say to seek His kingdom and His righteousness during the months of the year that are convenient for us or during difficult times in our lives. We are commanded to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness at all times- during the good, the busy, and the not-so-convenient. During these months, Christians innocently and unintentionally put their time with God on hold until they can find the time to reconnect with Him again. Friend, this may be describing you this summer. Maybe you put your faith walk or your calling on the back burner and you feel discouraged or disconnected. In fact, before we began this letter to you, we received a call from a precious woman who was discouraged in her walk with God because she was 96 years old and didn't know if God still loved her or if she was too old to make a commitment to follow Him. John encouraged her and told her that it's not too late to commit her life to the Lord, and he prayed for her to be delivered from any religious spirits or legalistic bondages. He led her in the sinner's prayer and she received Jesus as her Savior. This woman was welcomed into the Kingdom of God and transferred into the hall of fame with all the saints of God! Praise the Lord! What if God took a vacation during the summer months? Or what if our prayer line was shut off during the summertime? This woman would not have been able to accept Jesus as her Messiah today. We thank you, partner, for seeing the vision of this Ministry. By continuing to partner with this Ministry, you have the same reward of welcoming this woman in the Kingdom of God! This is just one of many, many phone calls that come into this Ministry daily by spreading the Gospel through our social media, television, and YouTube programs. JMM doesn't have a closed season or regular business hours. We've been called to be available 24/7 for His glory and you, as partners, are partakers in this. Thank you!

The Gospel must be preached to the whole world until everyone hears the name of Jesus! This Gospel cannot take a vacation! Jesus said, *And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14).* Friends and partners, we are at the end of the end times and this is the time to be spiritually equipped like never before so that we can continue to depopulate hell and populate heaven!

In His Service, John & Alexandra