

## Partner Letter

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## Merry Christmas to all of our John Militaru Ministries Friends and Partners!



And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Hallelujah for Jesus! He is the perfect gift! We're so grateful for Jesus and the Ministry He called us to together. We're also thankful for YOU this Christmas season! While others are searching for the perfect gifts for their loved ones, preparing for the Christmas season and holiday festivities or vacations, here at JMM, we take time to reflect back on Jesus, the perfect gift that God the Father gave us over 2000 years ago (John 3:16). We reflect back on how God has used us as His vessels for His honor and glory. We reflect back on our partners and how thankful we are for them (Eph. 1:16). For all of you who have sown seeds either financially, prayerfully, sacrificially, selflessly, and servantly, we know we say this often, but it always bears repeating: YOU are a vital part of this Ministry and the work that goes on at JMM. Simple acts of obedience to the Lord make a big impact for this Ministry and the calling that God has called us to together. The Lord has provided provision for us in so many ways through our partners throughout the years. Finances are needed every day for the daily activities that go on here at JMM and for our Ministry trips. We want to thank everyone who has sown seeds in one way or another like transportation, room and board, finances for television production, air time, our 24/7 prayer line, and keeping the lights on at our headquarters. So much goes on behind the scenes here at John Militaru Ministries and you may not even realize how impactful your support has been. The Lord has come through for this Ministry every single time by using one of our partners in one way or another!

Just like the widow in the Bible gave her last coin (Mark 12, Luke 21), Jesus said she gave more than everyone else- not because she actually gave more money, but because she gave **all** she had and gave it with all her heart. Jesus saw her obedience and it didn't go unnoticed. In the same way, your obedience doesn't go unnoticed. Most of our partners are simple people whose hearts aren't tied to material things, but are people who have been touched by this Ministry in one way or another and see the vision of JMM. They understand the mandate and want to honor God. And together we are ambassadors for Christ! Jesus is still saving, delivering, healing, and restoring souls today through John Militaru Ministries. This holiday season we are beyond grateful for all of our Holy Spirit-called partners!

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Jesus' birth brought light into the world! This holiday season we want to remind you of the simple truth that we should live out as believers- Christ in us brings light into the world. In a world full of darkness and hopelessness, we are to shine the light of Christ everywhere we go (Matthew 5:14-16).

For the believer, Christmas shouldn't just be celebrated now in December, but should be a life lived out loud shining to the glory and honor of God all year around. We carry His **presence and identity** inside of us throughout the year. We don't just celebrate the baby Jesus being born over 2000 years ago in a manger and continue living like the rest of the world the rest of the time. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20), the salt and light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16), and fellow heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). Praise Jesus that we are His children! His birth brought our salvation (Luke 2:11), His life brought us the believer's authority (Mark 16:17), His death satisfied the wages of sin needed for our redemption (Romans 6:23, Eph. 1:7), and ended the sting of death for every believer (1 Cor. 15:55-57), and His resurrection brought us power and life (Romans 8:11).

We encourage you to take the time to meditate on these fundamental truths during this busy holiday season. The gift of Christ's birth in our hearts is something that we should be celebrating and shining every day in our lives, not just during the holidays. The more of Jesus we have in us, the less there is of us (John 3:30). That's why the Lord encouraged us to seek Him first and foremost at the beginning of this year. When He becomes the center of everything we do, the things of this world become "strangely dim" as we sing in the old hymn (Turn Your eyes upon Jesus).

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).

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

John & Alexandra

