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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this letter finds you steady, focused, and on course, doing the will of God. We realize that Satan's servants were used to again steal, kill and destroy, this time on our own earthly, homeland soil. But we who know how NOT to get caught up with the cares of this world must continue to be examples of Christ's love and show long suffering towards all concerned. I believe this is a great hour to evangelize the lost, who are seeking an answer to their loss. We join with you to lift up all those affected by this tragedy in prayer.

I will be leaving for India on Sept. 20th, this Thursday morning. I covet your prayers for me as I go and for Betty as she stays. Both of us will be equally affected by our separation. And even though it appears that this would be a more dangerous time to travel to that part of the world, because it is so close to Afghanistan, I believe it is the safest time because of the high security now in place on the airlines. I have been advised by close friends and loved ones to post-phone my trip, but I know that Satan's power was destroyed at the cross of Christ, for those who believe it! Pray that I will keep my ear tuned to what the Holy Spirit is saying always, because we do have this treasure in an earthen vessel. But, I have learned, as many of you have, that I stand complete in Him, lacking nothing, seated in heavenly places with Christ, having already been crucified with Him and living only by HIS power and not my own!! AMEN!! God willing I will return on Nov. 1st.

I just returned from North Carolina where I spent 3 weeks editing our book. The Lord used me greatly and I was able to finish editing our book. This book is about my life story and the 38 years of ministry in 14 countries, from my point of view and my memory. I feel it is very anointed and will bless you greatly and lift your faith as you read it. I am not sure when it will be published, but we pray as soon as possible. Go to our web page for updates, and of course, we will keep you informed in our newsletters.

I also got to do a little ministering while in North Carolina. I preached in some churches and would then try to teach, by example, how to go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in, to see captives set free. One experience on the streets was very precious to me. I was in a park, praying for a woman to be set free from her sin. I began to pray for joy to be restored to her home and I suddenly felt two small hands being laid on mine. I opened my eyes to see a precious seven-year old boy stretched out full length across the picnic table to reach my hands. His eyes were as desperate as his actions, as he said he wanted the joy and happiness that Christ can bring brought back into his home also. What faith a child has!! I was so moved with compassion for this child and realized that it was no wonder that Jesus said, "except you become as a little child you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

I stayed 3 days in a hotel in Charlotte, NC and of course I went out on the streets to minister. I took my guitar and walked about a 1/2-mile from my hotel. I found around fifteen lost souls sitting on a concrete wall passing around a bottle of liquor wrapped in a brown paper bag. I began to sing some of my best soul winning songs. As I did my attention was drawn especially to one of the women, in her early thirties. I told her that I was going to sing a song to her that she used to sing all the time. As I began to sing, Amazing Grace, she joined her voice with mine and then began to weep. She came and hung on my neck and wept so hard she soaked my shirt as she repented and came back to Christ! Hallelujah!! I told her that the Lord still loved her and then commanded Satan to release from his darkness and be gone!! Then the Lord led me to a hangout of gang members. I walked into the midst of some 150 gang people; some wearing red bandannas and some wearing blue ones. I was the ONLY white person there and many could not believe the boldness the Lord had given me to go there without fear. Some people started saying they were sure I had a gun, or I would have been afraid. But, God does not give us the spirit of fear, but of love and a sound mind. I felt no fear, only love for all those lost souls. I sang them many songs and was tickled to see how they tried to dance their modern dance steps to my songs. That was a sign to me that God had given me complete favor with them. I ministered to them quite awhile and felt God had planted some good seed among them. Pray with me for others to water the seeds and others to harvest. We all in the Body of Christ must do our part to win the lost.

Betty and I just this past Friday were guests on TBN Christian Television. It only covered the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas metro-plex, but could be played all over the country if they choose to use it. I was able to give my testimony and also to use an experience I had with terrorists in Guatemala. We pray all that watched will be blessed and helped. TBN has asked me to come back in December also. PTL!!

Now, I will close this letter telling you that I leave my beloved wife in your hands and the Lord's. Please care for her while I am gone, with your prayers and support too. Of course, I ask you once again to keep me in your prayers also. I am not going to hold great campaigns, but going to remote villages of tribal people to bring them their first witness of Christ. God is able to do great and mighty things in the precious Name of Jesus!!

Please know that Betty and I love each one of you and we do lift you and your requests up before the Lord nearly every day. We pray God's best blessings be upon you all and we thank you so very much for being a part of this ministry for the glory of God!

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