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Dear Believer:

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name. God is so good to us; better than we know, better than we deserve. Much progress is being made as we pray for the presence and power of God to be manifested here in our city. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting with two sisters who are here from Zimbabwe. They told me that as they arrived and got off the bus, they could tell the hand of God was working powerfully in this city. **God is hearing and answering our prayers.** It is time to rejoice, but also time to increase our prayers and commitment to the things of the kingdom.

One of the ways we have come up short in that commitment is that we, who are the church, have fallen into a trap of believing that what we want must be what God wants. Along with that goes the idea that God never wants us to have to put up with anything or to be strongly challenged in any area. This is often especially true concerning relationship with our leaders. **It is interesting to me that as we pray for God to bring strong steadfast, leaders into position, so often we then turn and fight against what those leaders are doing and how the Lord is leading them.** We often act like spoiled children constantly trying to push the boundaries. Also worthy of mention is the large number of people who bounce from church to church taking with them their woundedness while loudly proclaiming in every place how the "church" has hurt them. I cannot tell you how many times someone has told me how the Lord moved them to a church and how they love it, only to hear a month later that they have moved again because the pastor said or did something with which they did not agree. **How destructive such behavior is to the Body of Christ. It is like a kidney suddenly deciding to be a lung.** It is better to remain, learn, grow and sow than to keep up this self-destructive trend which results in great malice and separation in the church. This does not mean that anyone should stay in an abusive situation, but we do need to look to the Lord and seek godly counsel before we just jump ship and put God's name on it. We need to grow up and trust God to lead through his leaders. **After all what business does an army have telling its leaders what to do or how to do it?**

Let's repent, pray for purity and strength to be deeply rooted where He has planted us and grow in God.

Sincerely,
William W. Lumry, II

P.S. Pray for Venezuela. There are reports to us of attempts to stop all evangelical missionary work among the native tribes.

Friday Night Corpus Christi was on June 23rd. Forgive us for reporting that it would be June 30th. We took the information from their website and it was changed after we sent out last month's letter. The next meeting is in August. **To stay updated go to: fridaynightcc.com**

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