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... Serving the Body of Christ by Identifying, Teaching, Training,

Empowering, Mobilizing Intercessors...

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Dear Believer:

The blessings and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ sustain you in all your ways this day and forever.

Wow! That is what we said immediately after the first SPMI Intercessors Prayer Retreat held earlier this month. I believe this retreat will be one of those times people look back on while saying, "That is where it started." The primary refrain we heard was "Why do we have to wait a whole year to do this again?" For this reason we are considering another retreat in November.

Now, let us address where things are currently. This Saturday, March 29, 2008 will be the second quarterly breakfast for pastors. I expect this quarterly meeting to grow and become a great time of blending of heart and sharing of vision among the pastors of Corpus Christi. Please be praying for the Lord to prosper these meetings in our city and also pray that He will multiply monthly pastors' meetings across the city as well.

We have been talking with various people of prayer around the city and have found three things to be prevalent among them. First is the understanding from the Lord that revival is coming and in fact is happening now. Second is a sense of discouragement or being overwhelmed even to the point of despair. Third is a real growing desire and even hunger to share with others the things God is doing so they will be encouraged to seek after Jesus even more. The interesting thing is that some people are experiencing all three of these at the same time. At this point the only insight that I personally have regarding these three things is that there seems to be a core area within us corporately which is resistant to becoming immersed in what the Spirit of the Lord is doing. This is most likely not a conscience resistance, but strongly present none the less. The direction I would normally take of asking the Lord to reveal the root of the problem did not seem to be the way to go. Last night while I was still at a loss as to how to address this core area in prayer, the Lord gave me direction through an intercessor. As we talked she said to me, "Sometimes I am sitting quietly and I just start weeping in the presence of the Lord. He has so captured my heart. I never knew that love could be like this." I believe that the Lord wants us to ask Him to so capture our hearts; to so manifest His presence around us that we can do little but sit and worship. In other words we should return to and explore the depths of our first love, Jesus Christ who suffered and died for the joy that was set before Him. Do you understand you are His joy?

Sincerely, William W. Lumry, II

PS We have a number of significant assignments from the Lord coming up including 4 prayer journeys. Since we are not a church and have no congregation to underwrite our expenses, we depend on the people of the Lord to hear and respond to the prompting of the Spirit to provide. Thank you for considering this ministry before the Lord in your giving.