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Dear Believer:

May God whose rich mercy is poured into our lives through His son Jesus Christ fill you with His great hope.

I was walking through a store the other day and over heard a man on his cell phone. He was telling the person on the other end that all he was hearing from the media and other people was "gloom and doom, gloom and doom." He then said, "I have not seen any of it. In fact I just got another call from the office to go out on a new job." He continued the conversation saying, "I think it is all a matter of what company you are working for. Some are doing much better than others." As we move forward into a year which for many is full of uncertainties, let us remember who we belong to and who it is that takes care of our every need. We do not work for a company that may lay us off. We are the children of The Lord God Almighty. He assures our future. All that falls to us is to properly discern the times in which we live and the path we are to walk. There is indeed gloom and doom all around, BUT GOD. It is the "BUT GOD" in our lives which give us cause for great rejoicing. Let us not fix our attention on circumstances. Let us draw near and see what our Father is doing in the earth.

In 2006 there was a call to united prayer issued by the church in Iran. They spoke of the disunity among themselves and spoke at the time of their awareness of a need for unity which would enable them to face anything. In fact they said they would be able to triumph in the midst of the enemies of the Gospel if they could but walk in unity. Prayer went up for them from believers around the world. Several ministries, including ours, forwarded the call to pray. Within a few weeks the Iranian church responded saying that they were realizing the effects of the prayer. Now, two years later, the reports from the church in Iran are repeating something that is a powerful encouragement to many and confirmation of what Jesus is doing in the earth.

After concentrated, concerted prayer and determined effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, the church in Iran is reporting through Elam Ministries their confidence that there could be a harvest of several million souls in the next two to three years. It is yet another example of prevailing prayer and persevering leadership.

If we will likewise commit to pray and work together, we will see like results. There is a promise of God in Psalm 133. It is at the place of dwelling together in unity, or as Paul says in Ephesians in the bond of peace, that the Lord has commanded the blessing of life. Do we truly want to see our cities and our nation live up to the full potential of God? Do we truly want to see the infusion of millions of souls into the kingdom of God? Then an absolute adoration of our Father, commitment to prayer and love for our brothers is essential.

Let us begin this year with a simple three-point prayer focus to propel us into the glory of God that we see rising on the horizon:

1. Father work in me to truly love you with all that I am and all that I have.
2. Father purge me of anything that is harmful to my brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. Father open my eyes to see and understand the working of your Spirit in the earth today.

Sincerely,
William W. Lumry, II

The faithful gifts of the Lord's people allow us to continue this work.
God has given us great opportunities to expand prayer in our area.
Thank you for hearing and obeying His voice.

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