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Dear Believer:

May the favor of our Lord surround you as a shield as you walk in the newness of life in Christ Jesus.

This month I would like to begin by simply sharing some testimonies of what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing in our area and around the world. Then relate what we are hearing from the Lord through various intercessors, pastors and others.

In Alice, Texas about 20 of the churches got together to man a booth at a local fair. They gave out over 1,300 Bibles and took in more than 100 prayer requests. As the ministers met together for prayer this last Tuesday evening each of those requests were lifted in prayer by the pastors of the city. What a great and awesome time it was!

A missionary with whom we are connected told us this week of God's unusual way of answering his prayer. He has, for many, many months, been illegally kept from going into the area where he has ministered for more than 50 years. A new General was appointed over the area. Prayer went up for a month for an open door to meet with and make an appeal to be allowed to return to the interior village. A friend of the missionary found and brought to him a very nice leather purse that had obviously been out in the weather for some time. Upon checking for ID to return it, he found it belonged to the new General's daughter. It had been stolen one month earlier. The missionary now has the Generals direct line so that they can talk from time to time and of course he also has renewed access to the village that has been his mission field home for most of his life.

So often we become disheartened because we lack real testimonies of the good things God is doing. It is sad and unfortunate that we often feel we have been set an impossible task when it comes to reaching the lost of the world. That comes from letting lies of the enemy form our thoughts and belief. The Lord is not weak nor is He lacking in wisdom. He knows what He is doing. We need to recognize the signs of His presence and His work. People talk with great concern about the rise of this or that belief system. We should be concerned, but more than concern we need the whole picture. Almost all of the information about the growth of non-Christian belief systems is in reference to birth rate progression. Information that recently came to me is cause for great rejoicing. The reality, the TRUTH is that Christianity, which does not so much deal with birth rate, but rebirth, is growing at a rate that is 3.5 times population growth of the world. As we said last month, "the harvest is here." Our God reigns and we should learn to truly reign with Him in grace, peace, mercy and love.

What we have been hearing from the Lord throughout this month reminds us that reaching the world is no problem for our Lord. We are to remember that we are a holy generation, a royal priesthood; we have been ordained for this purpose, anointed for this task. We have all we need to accomplish all we have been given to do. God is doing far more than we are yet able to see. Stand firm in praise and worship in every eventuality and circumstance remembering that our God's name is glorious; that He is magnificent, holy, righteous, and just. No weapon formed against us can prosper and all of the enemy's threats and attempts at intimidation are just bluster. Jesus Christ is Lord and He rules in the realm of men.

Sincerely,

William W. Lumry, II

PS We are always very grateful for those who are faithful to pray and to encourage us with their words and gifts.