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URGENT Update 2020

Dear Partner in Ministry,

Greetings in Jesus!

This past week while quarantined, it came to me to write a letter prior to our summer newsletter letting our partners know what is happening in Ukraine. But more so, to inspire and encourage you in these uncertain times of the pandemic that has plagued our country and the world.

I believe we are the same everywhere... whether here at home or abroad. Often when we wake up in the morning, our minds already start racing before our feet even touch the floor. Our hearts are burdened, spirits heavy – concern and worry begin to creep in before we've fully started our day.

Our hearts go out to our children, families... their jobs, cutbacks, how will they survive and the list goes on. There's so much in this life we can feel anxious about, even when we know truth and believe God's in control. Fear can be a daily battle, and we may wrestle with feeling great pressure under the weight of the responsibilities we're carrying.

If you've found yourself there recently, especially in the midst of the global corona virus pandemic, I want you to know there's hope from God's word. The Psalms offer countless verses of real-life struggles and prayers for God's peace and covering. No matter what you and I may be facing today, we can choose to set our hearts and minds on His truth, believing that He's with us and giving us strength every step of the way.

I would like to share with you several Psalms that will sustain you and be your covering during this critical time.

The most quoted and read Psalm today is Psalm 91 and has often been referred to as the 9-1-1 call to God, the one we frequently go to when praying for God's protection and help in time of need.

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."...He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart... For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways... "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Psalm 91:1-2, 4, 11, 14-16)

There are many other encouraging portions of His Word to sustain us – Psalm 23, 27, 46, 51, 86, 121. Remember, no matter what we face, God holds the final victory, and we can trust Him in the midst of all that is happening around us. We can fully depend on God for help, that He is constantly watching over us, protecting our coming and goings.

And now a brief update from Ukraine and our partners.

Pastor Bohdan Mudriyevskiy, Ternopil – Pastor Bohdan who also is an owner of a children’s clothing factory; to keep his people working has started to sew masks in order to supply the endless need for them. Yesterday he advised us that he has received a special permit, so now he is able to sell his production at the pharmacies and medical institutions, keeping his staff and workers employed. How God provides!!

Pastor Vova of Church of Love, Ovruch – told us there is much suffering because of forest fires in the Chernobyl area. Many have lost their homes and are without food. Praise God, he had a large quantity of bags of soup mix to hand out. People came to him with tears, but left rejoicing that they could have something to eat. Sadly because of the quarantine, they are unable to visit Vilnicky seniors home.

Sasha & Vadim of Novomoskovsk - our dedicated couple in Eastern Ukraine can no longer feed people at the city center in compliance with the police. **BUT** she says, *“we cannot forget the POOR and NEEDY people”*. As a result Sasha is preparing food at home & people are visiting her residence just to get food. So many depend on her for their daily meal.

Pastor Ivan & Vera of Krasnohorivka – In regards to the building of the church all is at a standstill because of the quarantine. They continue to visit the elderly, poor and sick providing them with bags of pasta and food.

Pastor Fedir Lebydiuk – Host of “Good Morning Ukraine” YouTube – says the response from the viewers is amazing and growing daily. As one person stated... *“I am so grateful for this moment in time, for I recall a time we were told not to attend services or listen... there was a time when intellectuals, teachers, religious leaders & Christians were forced to attend atheistic teaching that denied the resurrection...and now we have such freedom to listen to God’s Word.”*

In closing, as I have challenged myself and our board to set aside 15 minutes or whatever you are able to each day for the month of May to pray for Masters/Ukraine for the following:

- Our two containers of aid are still being HELD UP by the government. It is a tragedy that these were sent early fall so that they could be used during the difficult months of WINTER.
- Pray for the government approval of the **One million PEACE WITH GOD booklets** to be accepted as aid for distribution.
- In response to the above, we are investigating the purchase of pasta or other food product in Ukraine as we were advised that after the CORONA situation is passed, the demands and need for Literature & Aid will be tremendous.
- The rate of the US Dollar to Canadian is outrageous! All of our support payments and cost of shipping containers are in US Dollars.

God bless you!



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