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"CHRIST IN WHOM YE ALSO TRUSTED, AFTER THAT YE HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH..." EPHESIANS 1:13

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**Dear Praying, Caring, Co-laborers,**

What is this world coming to? And where is God in all of this? Over the last several months I have heard, or read, these questions being asked by people everywhere.

Let me start this letter by reminding us of a few verses in the Bible.

2 Timothy 3. The whole chapter is so relevant that I am going to put it all here.

*<sup>1</sup>Be sure of this. In the last days hard times will come. <sup>2</sup>People will love themselves. They will love money. They will talk about themselves and be proud. They will say wrong things about people. They will not obey their parents. They will not be thankful. They will not keep anything holy. <sup>3</sup>They will have no love. They will not agree with anybody. They will tell lies about people. They will not love anything that is good. <sup>4</sup>They cannot be trusted. They will act quickly, without thinking. They are proud of themselves. They love to have fun more than they love God. <sup>5</sup>They act as if they worshipped God, yet they do not let God's power work in their lives. Keep away from people like that. <sup>6</sup>They are the kind who go quietly into people's houses. There they get foolish women to believe them. These women know that they have done many wrong things. And they want to do many kinds of wrong things. <sup>7</sup>They are always trying to learn, but never able to find*

*out what is really true. <sup>8</sup>Jannes and Jambres were two men who were very much against Moses. In the same way, these men I am talking about are against what is true. They are men who have wrong thoughts in their minds. They do not believe. <sup>9</sup>But these men will not get very far. Everyone will see that they are wrong, just as people saw that Jannes and Jambres were wrong. <sup>10</sup>Timothy, you know my teaching and the way I lived. You know what I want to do and what I believe. You know my patience, my love, and my strength to bear trouble. <sup>11</sup>You know about my troubles. You know what happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, and in Lystra. You know how badly the people treated me. But the Lord brought me safely through it all. <sup>12</sup>Yes, all who want to live a good life in Christ Jesus will be troubled by other people. <sup>13</sup>Bad men and those who fool other people will grow worse and worse. They will fool other people, and other people will fool them. <sup>14</sup>But you, Timothy, must keep on doing the things you have learned. You know they are right. You know who taught them to you. <sup>15</sup>From the time you were a child you knew the holy writings. They showed you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All that is written in the holy writings comes from the Spirit of God. The holy writings are good for these things: to teach people, to show them when they are wrong, to make them see what is right, to teach them*

*to do what is right. <sup>17</sup>In this way a person who belongs to God has all he needs. He is ready for every kind of good work.*

We are living in the last days; there is no doubt of that in my mind. But here is what we have to remember through all of the stupidity and ignorance that's going on in the world. It doesn't matter who is elected president, what new laws are passed, what rights are being infringed on or anything else this crazy lost world does. **GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!** And He is accomplishing His plan and will. In order for Christ to return again people have to do stupid things and be full of ignorance. The first part of this chapter describes what we are facing today, but yet, Paul states in the following verses that God brought him through it all. And that is what we, as Christians, must remember that God will bring us through it all. It's not about our desires or wants but about His glorious return. Revelation 22:20 *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus*

Someone posted this on Facebook the other day: *"You know you are in the final moments of what the Bible predicted... when Sodom, Gomorrah, and Noah's history becomes your everyday reality... Buckle up church...things are about to get SUPERNATURALLY REAL."*

In Christ Jesus,

The McCollums

**LOOKING FORWARD**

What a busy and blessed summer God is laying out before us! God is doing, and has done, some great and wonderful things in the past few months and months to come. In the month of April, God opened up several new opportunities for us to minister. Some of them I talked about in last month's letter, but God continues to open new doors as we seek Him and His will.

**Things we were able to do in April:**

We were invited to preach at Second Baptist Jacinto City while Pastor Alex was out with the young people. He and the youth group were in Waco, TX at the Texas Baptist Congreso conference. It's an annual conference for a time of worship and renewal for the young people.

We had a wonderful time ministering and fellowshiping with the people. I preached on Sunday morning, and then Sunday evening, we had a time of questions and answers. The Lord blessed and we had a wonderful time in the Word.

The Lord gave us an opportunity to work with the Clear Lake High School choir. We provided sound and lighting for them as they performed at one of the local churches. This was one of those opportunities that God provides through to allow us to continue the work He has given in WOT. It was a blessed time, and the kids and their parents were very pleased with what we were able to provide.

God also provided another job through First Baptist Church Deer Park, TX. I was able to meet the new pastor, Drew Super,

and get to know him a little bit. I was, also, able to hear him preach and was blessed by the message he brought. We are praying that God will do a mighty work through him and the church as they reach out to the community around them.

**Things coming up:**

May is going to be another busy month. On the weekend of the 13th - 15th, Edna and I will be in Frisco, Texas attending "A Weekend to Remember" hosted by Family Life Ministries. She and I are attending as part of our training and continued preparation as we move forward in ministering to couples and families. We will then be volunteering the first two weekends in June at the same event, but in The Woodlands, TX and Spring, TX.

May the 16th - 21st we will be back at Clear Lake High School helping them with their final choir performance for this school year. This is another opportunity that God has provided to supply for needs and living expenses. God continues to provide this kind of jobs to meet the needs that we have as a family. We are praying for a day that we will see God supply all of our needs through WOT. But in the meantime, He continues to supply by giving us these little projects and jobs.

Please, be in prayer for Anita. On May the 24th she is scheduled to return to the hospital for her heart ablation procedure. This is the same procedure they attempted in April but ran into complications.

For the first couple of weeks in June we will be home. But then Edna and I will be

leaving June 20th to go to Chiapas Mexico. We will be there for 2 weeks and return to Houston on July 4th. We will be visiting churches in the area for most of the time we are there. But, we will also be holding a pastor's conference on June 23rd and a young men's conference on the 24th. The purpose of this visit, aside from the conferences, is to meet with the pastors and learn what their needs are. What they're telling us right now is that they need training on church administration, church discipleship, and church planning. Once we determine their needs, then, we are asking God to raise churches that would be willing to send groups down next summer and help us train and teach the pastors and churches on what being a church is. The Lord has already supplied the funds for our airline tickets, but we are still in need of funds for the trip itself. At this time we are \$800 short of what's needed to make the trip. We have already bought the tickets so we could get the best price and we are believing God to supply the rest. Please, pray and ask God if He would have you give something towards this trip.

In the month of August, we are scheduled to speak at a family camp conference. We will be responsible for two of the breakout sessions. One of the sessions we will be leading is "Understating Your Children in Today's World". The other session will be on marriage. This will be a preview for the conference that we are in the process of scheduling.

On September 16th & 17th, Edna and



I will be leading a conference called "The Art of Marriage". We are planning on this being a community wide event and we are praying that we will see God move several of the local churches to be involved. Please be praying with us as we prepare for the conference and that we will see lives changed and marriages transformed for the Glory of God.

We are also in the process of scheduling another conference for the Houston area but are not sure of the dates at this time.

It is going to be a busy summer for us but we are excited about what God is doing and how He is going to use us to reach others with the Gospel.



### RECONNECTING

We had a lifelong friend stop by for a visit, Cliff Liese. Cliff is currently the Senior Pastor at Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor/ Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. We have known Cliff since our days in Peru. Since then, he and his family have ministered with us in open air meetings all over Mexico and the United States. It was a wonderful and blessed time of fellowship with him as we talked about what God has done and is continuing to do. Please be in prayer for Cliff as he ministers in one of the largest Muslim areas in the US. We will be working with Cliff and the church helping them with their website and also supplying them with equipment they are in need of. This is equipment that has been given to us that we, in turn, are giving to churches in Mexico and the US.



### JUSTIN, MANDY & CHLOE Travel & Prep

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity...ministry trips, doctor's appointments, language classes, encouraging visits from friends (pictured above), and prep for a new baby coming soon. However, some of the most exciting work has involved training national friends to share the Good News in Pal areas. Two men traveled to Quarry Town last month, and while you prayed they saw 7 Pal people come to faith! Two other men have committed themselves to full-time Pal ministry for the next year. Justin has been meeting with them to study Acts, pray, and prepare for this important work. Praise the Father for answering our prayers for more laborers!

Our partners and teammates continue to share bricks and truth in a nearby town decimated by fire. Dozens of people have already received bricks for rebuilding and heard the Good News.

This month we are preparing to start an agricultural project that will help us gain access into the lives of Pal people. Pray for wisdom as we jump into the farming world!

In about 6 weeks our family will travel to Thailand to await the birth of our little boy. Pray for continued health and adjustment as we prepare to become a family of four. Please especially pray for Mandy as

she makes a push to advance in language before the baby comes.

We are grateful for your partnership and encouragement. Thank you for standing with us in this work!

### MEDICAL UPDATE ON ANITA

We want to thank everyone who has been praying for Anita. Last month, they tried to do a heart ablation and ran into complications and had to abort the procedure. We have been waiting for insurance approval so they can try again. She is scheduled to have it done on May 24th in Conroe Regional Hospital. Please, pray much that everything will go as God planned and for strength and healing through this process. Pray for the doctor, Anita, and Earnest through it all.



### IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF

We appreciate those of you who send in offerings as a memorial. A card is sent to the person honored or the family members of those given in memory of. God delights to bless those who give and He blesses the gift given. As you give, you are blessed, and others are blessed, because you gave. The memorials are used to buy the Pastors' Packs unless designated for other purposes. When you send the memorials, please, remember to include the city of the deceased and the correct address of a family member to send the card to.

#### In Memory of:

- Elba Oswalt - Waco, TX
- Ruben Crenwelge-Fredericksburg, TX

### GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THEN AND NOW



My, how time flies. It seems only yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas, and now it is Mother's Day. First, let us say Happy Mother's Day to all of you. I know that this is the first Mother's Day for some and others have been celebrating this special day for many years. I can remember my first Mother's Day. Joy was 5 months old and Earnest bought me a beautiful corsage from him and Joy. I didn't think I could ever be any happier than I was that first Mother's Day. But since then, God has chosen to give me many blessed Mother's Days with each of our children, then

grandchildren and greats. Then, my list continues as I think of the many the Lord has given us the privilege of leading to Christ, and they are our children in the Lord. We have watched a number of them grow in their walk with the Lord and are now serving Him in different areas of the USA and Latin American countries. Through them, we now have many grandchildren and greats because they have allowed the Lord to use them to win souls for Christ.

If I had to pick out one special Mother's Day, it would be in Guayaquill, Ecuador. The children and I were in Peru while Earnest had spent several months in the states waiting for the Lord to provide the money to ship our truck and trailer. Daniel had been very sick in the hospital and the doctor recommended that we take him to the coast so he could get plenty of sunshine. It was winter in Peru and very few days of sunshine, even on the coast. The day finally came when Earnest was on the boat, headed for Peru. Because of a stiff import tax, he had to ship into Ecuador and then planned to drive

from there down the coast to Peru. After talking to him via ham radio, we decided that the children and I would fly to Ecuador, meet him, and spend some time on the coast. It just so happened that we spent two weeks enjoying each other on the sunny coast and then we celebrated Mother's Day. That was a very special Mother's Day. We were all together again with the precious children the Lord had given us. And I was especially pleased that Earnest had brought me four new dresses for Mother's Day. They all fit, but one and it took very little to alter it to make it fit. Another special Mother's Day was the day that Joy followed the Lord in baptism. She had invited Jesus into her heart a few weeks earlier and wanted to be baptized. This just happened to fall on Mother's Day. I can think of so many other special days throughout these years. God has been so good to give us our family, and we praise the Lord for each one of them. I am grateful the Lord blessed us with four children and that we now enjoy the grandchildren and the greats. I am also grateful for the many children in the Lord. Some of you who receive this letter are one of those. Because of all of you, I can enjoy a blessed Mother's Day. "Happy Mother's Day" to you.

### PRAISE THE LORD

- For our mothers
- For our scattered children in the Lord scattered
- Matthew is out of his neck brace, in therapy, and doing great
- For all who pray and give to this ministry
- For having Benjamin Loera for a week

- For the privilege of seeing God work through J.D. & Edna and for the opportunity for them to go to Chiapas MX this summer
- For Justin & Mandy's privilege to minister the love and Word of Jesus in their area of the world
- For the pastors using

### Prayer Corner

- our PPs and faithfully preaching the truths of God's Word
- For the privilege of praying for our co-laborers
- For our family always ready to help when we need them
- For protection for Anita during the heart

procedure that began with complications

#### PRAY WITH US

- For the ongoing ministry of WOT and for God's supply for all He has planned
- For Benjamin's travel in the states this month as he speaks in different

- churches
- For J.D. & family & supply for them
- For Anita as she prepares for the heart ablation procedure
- For God's continued blessing of His Word as the pastors listen to the DVDs
- For the urgent need for supply for more

- Pastor's Packs
- For God's supply for the General Fund each month
- For supply for travel for J.D. & Edna for trip to Chiapas, Mexico in June
- For the health needs of some of our co-laborers
- For our continued health needs

Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24