



Dear labourers in God's fields ready for harvest,

Let me start by expressing my profound appreciation for your prayers and financial support. For some of you that have been for over 40 years. I am profoundly grateful and thank God for you. Because you have allowed God to use you, we have been enabled to empower ministries in many countries to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and clothe the needy. Thank you.

Let me share what is going on personally. I have not done this for some time. You know, a light shines brightest in the darkest moments. I want to share the light, but to catch its brilliance, I need to share some of the current darkness. Sometimes, the heaviness of the darkness is almost overwhelming as it sweeps over the soul (mind, emotion, will). Some of you may be able to relate and it is to you that I am especially speaking. Others may see things differently, or for whatever reason, are indifferent to the things I am about to share. Those individuals sometimes cause me to question my sanity or the impacts of my age.

Closest to home are the personal challenges we all face. I have a daughter who suffers from blocked sinuses causing intense headaches. They found another growth in my grandson's chest after a year of chemo and surgeries. My sister's apartment caught on fire and she is now recovering in hospital from burns and smoke inhalation as her entire apartment was gutted by fire. One of our workers has been in hospital for 8 months having experienced several surgical treatments and lost the use of both legs and one arm. I have a good friend who tried to commit suicide by stepping in front of a train, changed his mind in the nick of time, and now receiving further psychiatric treatment. I do a graveside for another friend who passed away this week. There are these things in life that we are directly involved in.

Then there are other things that we cannot personally do anything about but impact our thoughts and emotions. It seems, at least to me, that the world has gone crazy. It is not enough that people have differences in opinion but those with certain opinions need to impose their will on those who do not agree. There is father who spent 4 days in jail in B.C. because he would not address his fourteen-year-old daughter in her preferred transgendered pronouns or consider the teacher in Ireland jailed for not using transgendered pronouns. There are fights between schools and parents in teaching gender ideology to elementary children and helping them get gender change even against their parent's wishes. There are actually court battles over this. I am hardly touching the surface of this problem.

Let me introduce just one of many other issues that bothers me and I cannot do a thing about it. Perhaps people are indifferent to things they can do nothing about or because they do not know about some of them. As I look at our neighbours to the South I see catastrophe in the making. The southern border of the States allows multitudes of terrorists and drug smugglers in. Some of the States are emptying their prisons and letting dangerous and repeat offenders out. Offenders often seem to have more rights than their victims. This can catapult a country to anarchy, which will replace democracy with marshal law.

If things you cannot do anything about don't bother you, then you will not understand the darkness that impacts people like me. However, if you can relate to where I am, then it is time to light the candle. Remember, we are not here to curse the dark but to light a candle. I was discussing this, and many other similar heavy concerns with a friend. He began to pray about the issues raised. As he was praying, 2 Chronicles 20 came to mind and the life and death issues Israel was facing and could not physically do anything about it.

The world had gone crazy for Israel as 3 different armies were approaching them to wipe them out. FEAR permeated them with tremendous force. They turned to the Lord with fasting and prayer. Three times in two verses it states that "they sought help from the Lord" They reminded themselves about who God was and how He defended them



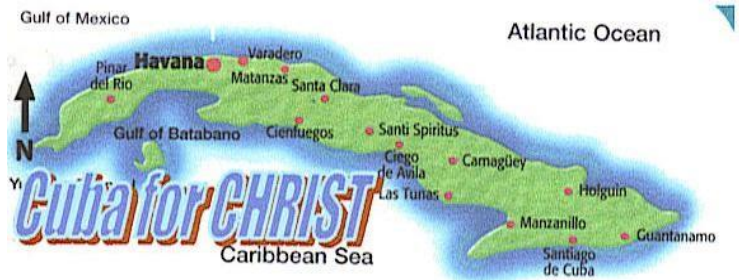
in the past and promised to be with them in time of need. They admitted their powerlessness against their enemy but their eyes were on God. This is when God proclaimed, “the battle is not yours but His”. The battle ends with Israel celebrating and thanking God.



Then I began to remember other historical accounts where individuals were outnumbered and in places, they could do little against overwhelming odds, where their beliefs were not of the majority. What is right or truthful is not always found in the mainstream or majority. If I look at Elijah on Mount Carmel—he had different views than the political mainstream. He had different views than the current religious leaders and different views than most of his countrymen. He clearly understood what God wanted and had an intense desire to obey. He risked his life and God used him to impact a nation. Who can forget the account of David and Goliath. David took the meagre few stones in his hands to bring down an enemy who used fear to freeze an entire military.

I could refer to many other historical accounts, but I think you get the point. God will use whatever resources He has put in our hands to accomplish His purpose. “Little is much when God is in it” In each of these accounts and many others God has used unusual circumstances and pending disasters to bring about His perfect will—including the cross. In the photo, I am holding a newborn lamb which is totally at peace. At the same time, and always, I am being held by the Lamb of God. These major issues that darken souls are dispelled by the Light of the World who proclaims to us: “The Battle is not yours but God’s... stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf.”

Cuba: Hurricanes ripped through the province of Pina del Rio demolishing buildings, destroying crops, and taking what little people had, and washed it away. This is one of the poorest provinces of Cuba and the government does little to help. This is another one of those things that burden the soul. People already are dying of hunger, Dengue Fever, cholera, and other illnesses. Basic food, clean water, and medicines are almost impossible to get.



We have teams on the ground and we have access to food. We can bring in medicine from Canada. We are looking to God for financial resources and time is of the essence. We need \$30,000 within the next 2-3 weeks, designated for Cuba, to be able to book the flights and get the resources in there. I hope to go and encourage our teams. We need your prayers and support to make this happen. We want to share the Light in that darkness and help as many as we can. This is a tremendous opportunity to attack the darkness with God’s provision for people in need. We will report to you what is being done in other countries in our next Newsletter but today, our focus is on Cuba, and those impacted by the recent hurricanes. Please pray, and give as God directs and enables you. Again, on behalf of the national and

international teams, we thank you and pray that God will bless you according to your needs. Terry



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