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2007 — the road ahead



We face a new year surrounded by many uncertainties in the world. But one thing is absolutely certain - God is in control! Though we don't know what tomorrow holds, WE KNOW WHO holds tomorrow.

In seeking the Lord about this newsletter I sense deeply He would have me share the following thoughts with you with the prayer they will bring inspiration, challenge, and encouragement into your life as you face your untried tomorrows on the road ahead.

The road ahead will be A **ROAD OF OPPORTUNITY** for each of us. The need of a starving, sick, illiterate, lost world is staggering. But God is granting us a glorious opportunity again to **DEMONSTRATE** our faith, love and loyalty to Jesus Christ and the promotion of His Kingdom. An opportunity to hear Him say, "When I was hungry you fed Me, when I was thirsty you gave Me drink, when I was naked you clothed Me, when I was in prison (a hospital, a nursing home, a remote un-reached village) without the Gospel you visited Me".

The road ahead will be the opportunity to demonstrate our true worth. The lines of the poet pen it well:

"Not how did he die, but how did he live;

Not what did he gain, but what did he give; these are the units that measure the worth of a man as a man regardless of birth.

Not what was his station, but had he a heart; and how did he play his God-given part. Was he ever ready with words of good cheer; to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not what was his church; nor what was his creed, but had he befriended those really in need?

Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, but how many were sorry when he passed away?"

The road ahead will be a road of **OPPOSITION**. Count on it! The attempt of many subtle anti-Christ forces to "shut down" the entire operation of God's work is incredible. Make no mistake dear co-burden-bearer we are in a war-fare. Here we have the eternal paradox of the Christian life and ministry: Opportunity and Opposition, Advantages and Adversaries. This was true in the Apostle Paul's day and is certainly true today. Like Paul, however, if we will learn to place our **GAZE** upon Jesus and at the most **GLANCE** at our problems we will discover our opportunities far outweigh our oppositions and our advantages more than overcome our adversaries. We can do this as we endeavor to keep our eyes on God and not man; as we see life in its

totality and not its parts; and as we keep our focus on eternity and not time.

The road ahead is a road of RESPONSIBILITY. As Christians we are under a mandate to be the “light of the world” and “the salt of the earth”. Knowing we are all under the call of God we must find our place in the will and purpose of God. Knowing we will one day stand at the Judgment seat of Jesus Christ and give an account of our stewardship or the management of our time, talent and treasury during this brief time on earth -- we have a responsibility.



The road ahead carries with it a PROMISE OF FRUITFULNESS. It is God’s desire to give us the Keys of the Kingdom and cause us to be fruitful. As I stand on the threshold of this New Year I see a glorious harvest awaiting us—a harvest greater than what we have had the privilege to witness during this past year in many areas of the world.

The Greater Harvest in India

In a few days, January 15th I will go to India to begin this new year conducting evangelistic gospel outreaches, leadership training for national pastors and workers, teaching our students in three Bible schools, visiting our children’s homes and elementary schools, conducting medical camps, graduating our Bible school students and assigning them to un-reached areas to plant new churches, Church services and other business meetings.

It is a very demanding schedule but I am so delighted to have Pastor Boyd Young from West Union, Ohio going with me. He along with a dear brother and friend Ken Hart from England will assist me with all these meetings. It is a joy to have them on board and I know their lives will never be the same after making this trip with me. We desperately need your prayers. The persecution against Christians continues to accelerate. There is a determined foe among the militant Hindus to stop the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ in India. We must go because Jesus commands us to go into the world and preach the gospel and that includes India!

We also need your support. The cost of conducting these many types of meetings continues to spiral upward. Your gift of any size to help with a crusade, a medical camp, a seminar, a Bible school graduation, etc will help make the difference

and enable you to be a partaker of the glorious fruitfulness of these meetings.

Donna and I do not have enough words to express how deeply grateful we are for your faithful and loyal prayers and financial support to do this ministry. We love you and we pray this New Year will be a year of excellent health and prosperity in every area of your lives.

In closing, let this thought be deeply etched in your heart. The road ahead that leads to the eternal city of God is the CALVARY ROAD—the road of surrender, of self-denial, of service. He who walks this road walks with the Master—and need have no fear of what the morrow may bring for he “shall LIVE by faith”.

Your Partners in Harvest,

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